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OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY
INDIANA

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OF THE COUNTY, AND SHOWING THE
GROWTH OF ITS PEOPLE, INSTI-
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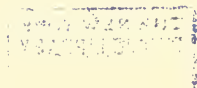
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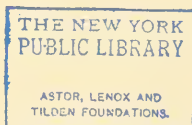
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JOHN T. AND WILL. H. HAYS.—The law firm of John T. & Will. H. Hays, of Sullivan, is composed of John T. Hays, who has been a leading attorney and citizen of this locality for some thirty years, and Will. H. Hays his son, who has been associated with his father since 1900. The firm are attorneys for the various railroads, coal companies, and other important corporations which are so much concerned in the development of Sullivan county, among them being the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad Company; the Indianapolis Southern Railroad Company; the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Company; the Dering Coal Company; Consolidated Indiana Coal Company; Jackson Hill Coal & Coke Company; Carlisle Coal & Clay Company; Bellevue Coal Company; Sullivan County Coal Company; the West Jackson Hill Coal Mining & Transport Company; the London Liability and Guaranty Company; the Illinois Coal Operators' Mutual Employers' Liability Insurance Company; the Central Union Telephone Company; the Sullivan Lighting Company, and the People's State Bank of Sullivan.

John Tennyson Hays, senior member of the firm, is a native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, born on the 11th day of November, 1845. His parents and grandparents were all native-born Americans. He lived on a farm with his father until he was sixteen years of age, attending the short winter terms of the common schools in his native county during that time. In 1864 he was graduated from the Iron City Commercial College at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, then attended the high school at Lisbon, Ohio, and in 1866 entered Mount Union College. He was graduated from that institution in June, 1869, receiving the highest honors of his class in natural science and mathematics. For a year after his graduation he was principal of schools at Calcutta, Ohio, and in August, 1870, moved to Farmersburg, Sullivan county. He taught in the Ascension Seminary there, and later in Sullivan, until 1874, with the exception of one year, during which he was principal of the schools at Oaktown, Knox county.

In 1874 Mr. Hays became a law student in the office of Sewell Counsel, but at his admission to the bar on March 1, 1875, purchased the inter-

est of Nathaniel G. Buff, in the firm of Buff & Buff, of Sullivan, continuing in partnership with Judge Buff until 1878. In the fall of that year the partnership was dissolved, as he had been elected prosecuting attorney of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit for a term of two years. In 1879 he associated himself in practice with his brother, H. J. Hays, and that partnership was unbroken until 1892. From that year until 1900, when he received his son, Will. H. Hays into partnership, he conducted an independent practice. Although his law business is of immense proportions, his early life on the farm still draws him to the soil, and he now takes great delight in managing his farm, as well as a tract of several thousand acres owned by the West Jackson Hill Coal Mining & Transport Company, of which he is president. He is also a director in the People's State Bank.

Mr. Hays has always been a Republican, but never was a candidate for any office except that of prosecuting attorney. He has always been a member of the Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder and in which he has taught for years in connection with the Sunday school. Socially, he is a member of the Columbia Club, Indianapolis, and has a close connection with the Masonic fraternity and the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of Sullivan Commandery, No. 54, Knights Templar; Jerusalem Chapter, No. 81, Royal Arch Masons; Sullivan Lodge, No. 263, Free and Accepted Masons; Sullivan Council, No. 73, R. & S. M.; and Sullivan Chapter, No. 188, Order of the Eastern Star. He served eight years as high priest of this chapter and three years as master of his lodge. He is identified with the Knights of Pythias as a member of Sullivan Lodge, No. 85.

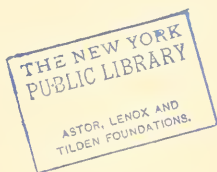
He has been twice married; first in 1869, from which union his two daughters, Martha A. Hays and Bertha Hays Drake, were born. In December, 1876, he was married to Mary Cain, of Sullivan, Indiana, and of their marriage two children have been born, William Harrison Hays and Hinkle Cain Hays. The career of John T. Hays, most noteworthy and honorable, needs no commendation.

Will. H. Hays, junior member of the firm was born in Sullivan November 5, 1879. He was graduated from the Sullivan high school in the class of 1896, entering Wabash College in the fall of that year. After pursuing a four years' course in that institution he obtained his degree of B. A. in 1900. He had been interested in the law ever since he was a young boy, spending much of his spare time in his father's office. At his graduation he naturally formed a partnership with him, which has since continued. In 1904 Mr. Hays received the degree of M. A. from his alma mater, the subject of the special thesis upon which it was conferred being "The Negro Problem." In college he won the highest oratorical honors and ever since his graduation has given much time to public speaking.

A Republican in politics, in 1902 he was nominated for prosecuting attorney, and was defeated by fifty-three votes. From 1904 to 1908 (two terms) he served as chairman of the Republican county committee; was a member of the State Advisory committee from the Second district from



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1906 to 1908, and during the campaigns of 1906 and 1908 was chairman of the Speakers' Bureau of the Republican state committee. In his religious faith Mr. Hays is a Presbyterian, and teaches a class of boys in its Sunday school. In Masonry he is a member of Sullivan Lodge, No. 263, F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter, No. 81, R. A. M.; Sullivan Council, No. 73, R. & S. M.; Sullivan Commandery, No. 54, Knights Templar, and Sullivan Chapter, No. 188, Order of the Eastern Star. He is also a member of the Indianapolis Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons, and of Murat Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of both the Columbia and Marion Clubs, of Indianapolis, and is a life member of Sullivan Lodge, No. 911, B. P. O. E. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and for six years has been state president of the order. Mr. Hays was married on November 18, 1902, to Miss Helen Louise Thomas, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, a daughter of Judge Albert Duy Thomas, who resides in that place.

ORION BOYD HARRIS, who was the circuit-judge of Sullivan and Greene counties, Indiana, from 1900 to 1906, is a native of Knox county, Ohio, born April 15, 1859, son of Amos M. and Jane (Hill) Harris. The father was also born in Knox county, Ohio, the date being March 2, 1833; he died in 1900. The mother, also a native of Knox county, Ohio, was born in 1834 and died in 1905. They were united in marriage in their native county in November, 1857, and moved to Greene county, Indiana, in 1866, and lived there until 1873, when they removed to Knox county, Ohio. In Ohio, the father was a farmer, and also a general merchant doing business at one time at Newark, Greene county, Indiana. Retiring from mercantile life, he lived his latter years on his farm. The grandfathers on both paternal and maternal sides came from southeastern Virginia and effected a settlement in Ohio in 1808, remaining there until death. Grandfather Harris raised a family of ten children and they all lived to rear families of their own. Amos M. Harris, father of Judge Harris, was a staunch adherent to Democratic party principles. Both he and his wife were of Scotch-Irish descent. They were members of the Christian church. To them were born six children, as follows: Judge Orion B., of this memoir; Clarence W., residing in Syracuse, Kansas; Victor L., residing in same place; India A., wife of Harry A. Simmons, residing in Lakin, Kansas; Samuel C., died in infancy; Myrtle, wife of Charles P. Worden, residing in Syracuse, Kansas.

Judge Harris was reared on his father's farm and received his primary education in the district schools. He then attended the Normal School at Utica, Ohio, graduating in the class of 1878. Later he was graduated from Kenyon College, Columbia, Ohio, with the class of 1885. He taught school two years in Ohio, and one year in Greene county, Indiana. Having settled upon the profession of law as the one he wished to pursue, he read law while yet a teacher in both Ohio and Indiana. In 1887 he read with William C. Hultz, of Sullivan, Indiana, remaining

until 1890. He acted as deputy prosecuting attorney, under Mr. Hultz, until 1892. From 1890 to 1893 he practiced law alone at Sullivan, Indiana, and at that date formed a partnership with William T. Douthitt, remaining with him until 1896. He then practiced law and managed the *Sullivan Times*, a Democratic local paper, until 1900. During the last named year he was elected judge of the Sullivan and Greene county circuit courts, taking his office in November, 1900, and serving until 1906, since which time he has practiced alone. His office is now located in the Citizens' Trust Building. In 1902 a Negro was lynched in his county, and the governor of the state undertook to dispossess the sheriff of his office. The judge gave his opinion and the sheriff was not molested. Judge Harris is a Democrat, and in fraternal connections is a member of the blue lodge and chapter of the Masonic order. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Sullivan. Besides his legal business, Judge Harris is the president of the La Gloria Copper Mining Company, of Terre Haute.

He was married May 8, 1890, to Rachel, daughter of Seburn and Mary Elizabeth (McCrae) Kirkham. Mrs. Harris was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, and attended the common and high schools and also the state Normal. She subsequently taught for about three years in her native county. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are the parents of the following four children: Norval K., Naomi, Amos Myron, and Phillip Hill. Both the judge and his estimable wife are members of the Christian church.

ROBERT P. WHITE, of Sullivan, one of the editors of the *Sullivan Union*, was born September 23, 1876, in Terre Haute, Indiana, son of Samuel A. and Rebecca M. (Pearce) White. (For history of the White family see sketch of Samuel A. White). Robert P. White is a graduate of the Sullivan high school of the class of 1896. He was then employed by his father in his drug store at Sullivan and in 1898, began working on the *Sullivan Democrat*, continuing on that journal until 1902, during which period he was city editor. In August, 1902, he was made assistant editor of the *Sullivan Union*, acting in such capacity until February, 1904, at which time, he with his present partner, Dirrelle Chaney, purchased the *Sullivan Times*, which they sold in March, 1904. Their paper, the *Sullivan Weekly Union*, has the largest circulation of any paper published within the county.

In his political views, Mr. White is a Republican; has served as secretary of the Republican county committee and was re-elected in 1908. Since the campaign days of 1896 he has been an active party worker. He served as precinct committeeman up to 1906. While engaged on the *Sullivan Democrat*, he also corresponded for the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Cincinnati dailies. Being a thorough, up-to-date man, Mr. White is interested in fraternal society matters and is numbered among the members of the Odd Fellows order, being advanced to the Encampment degree. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective

Order of Elks. The Masonic fraternity has also attracted him to its fold, and he is now a member of the Blue lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, and the Royal and Select Masters; also belongs to the Eastern Star of the same fraternity, all being lodges at Sullivan.

Mr. White was married June 16, 1906, to Bertha B. Briggs, who was born in 1874, in Sullivan county, Indiana, and is a graduate of the high school with the class of 1893. She was appointed money order clerk at the Sullivan postoffice and held the position for about five years. Mrs. White is the daughter of Dr. Charles and Josephine (Hinkle) Briggs. Her father died in 1903; he was a practicing physician in Sullivan, and counted among the leaders of his profession.

DIRRELLE CHANEY, who is one of the owners and proprietors of the Sullivan *Union*, a weekly newspaper published at Sullivan, Indiana, is a native of Sullivan, born October 2, 1877, son of Hon. John Crawford and Ella (Saucerman) Chaney.

Dirrelle Chaney attended the high school at Washington, District of Columbia, and the Wabash College, of Indiana, in which institution he took a literary course. In 1893 he was commissioner of the United States court of claims, serving two years. After his term had expired, he engaged in the newspaper business, first on the *Terre Haute Express*. In 1900 he was engaged on papers in London and Paris. In 1901-02 was with the *Chicago American*, in Chicago. In February, 1904, he in company with Robert P. White, purchased the Sullivan *Times*, and in March of that year purchased the Sullivan *Union*, having at the same date sold the *Times*. Mr. Chaney takes much interest in civic society affairs and is a member of the Eagles, Elks and Masons, and the Kappa Sigma fraternity. He took the thirty-second degree in Masonry at Indianapolis and is also a Shriner, and a Knight Templar.

ARTHUR A. HOLMES.—The present efficient postmaster at Sullivan, Indiana, Arthur A. Holmes, was born September 11, 1856, at Annapolis, Crawford county, Illinois, son of John H. and Nancy E. (Rains) Holmes. The father was a native of Licking county, Ohio, born March 28, 1828, and died October 31, 1863, in Effingham county, Illinois. The mother was born in Crawford county, Illinois, August 31, 1831, and passed from earthly scenes in Sullivan county, Indiana, February 10, 1890. John H. Holmes was a farmer by occupation and went to Illinois from Ohio in 1848, remaining there until his death. Politically, he affiliated with the Democratic party, but was a War Democrat. After the death of John H. Holmes, his widow married John L. Kaufman, of Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana.

Arthur A. Holmes was reared to farm labor and received his education at the district schools, and at the College at Merom, Indiana, which

educational institution he entered in 1874, and from which he was graduated in 1877. He had also taken private instructions before entering college. He then taught three years, one term in Illinois and the balance of the time in Marshall and Sullivan counties, Indiana. Having decided to engage in the legal profession, he studied law with Buff & Patten of Sullivan. After remaining with them for two years he was admitted to the bar in 1880 and entered into partnership with W. S. Maple of Sullivan, continuing until the spring of 1883, when he formed a partnership with I. H. Kalley, which relation existed until August 1, 1887. At the last named date he entered into the service of the government as special pension examiner, remaining until April, 1893, at which time he resigned. In 1891 he had purchased the *Sullivan Union* and after his resignation from office he was actively engaged on the newspaper, of which he was owner and editor from March, 1891, to July 24, 1902, when he again entered the employ of the government and continued until January 21, 1907, in the pension department. He was appointed postmaster at Sullivan, Indiana, February 1, 1898, by President McKinley and re-appointed by President Roosevelt, serving from February 8, 1898, to July 31, 1902, inclusive. He was again made postmaster in January, 1907, and his term will expire January 18, 1911. Mr. Holmes has always voted the Republican ticket and has been an aggressive party worker. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias order in Sullivan.

MAJOR WILLIAM T. CRAWFORD, who having now reached the age of three score and ten years, has been identified with the educational and patriotic history for forty-eight years, and is one of the most honored and popular citizens in this section of the state. He was born on a farm in Jay county, Indiana, January 25, 1838, but when three months old his parents sold the homestead and removed to Columbiana county, Ohio, where his early years were spent. The major is the son of Samuel and Gracy (George) Crawford—the former being a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, where he died aged seventy-nine years. The paternal grandfather, John Crawford, was a native of Ireland (his wife of Scotland) and lived to the remarkable age of one hundred and two years. William George, the maternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland, while his wife (Linea Hull) was born in England. The ancestors on both sides of the family came to the United States about 1800 and located in Columbiana county, Ohio, where they became substantial members of the agricultural community and continued their firm adherence to Presbyterianism. Grandfather George was a justice of the peace in that county for twenty-four successive years, and although a practical and successful farmer was a deep lover of music, and expert violinist and a man of cultivated tastes.

Samuel Crawford, the father, was also an agriculturist and stock raiser. In stature, he was a very large man, being fully six feet in height; in his manners, he was mild and kind to those with whom he



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mingled and labored, and as an illustration of these traits it is related that he never had a quarrel or a law suit. His ambition to be well educated was thwarted when young, but after his marriage, by persistent reading and self-training he became a man of wide general information. Another commendable trait in his character was his unfailing kindness to old people, and morally, he was ever found on the side of justice and right. The children born to Samuel and Gracy (George) Crawford were ten in number and in the order of their birth are as follows: Nancy, widow of James Chaney and mother of Congressman John C. Chaney, who now resides at her farm home ten miles south of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Ruth, deceased; John, residing at Roanoke, Indiana; George, deceased; Elizabeth, a resident of Idaho and wife of Thomas Crawford; Jane, deceased; William T., of this review; Noah, deceased; Linea E., wife of Alexander McCammont, who resides at Rogers, Ohio; and Mary M., wife of Sant Hewett, of Florida. All but Jane lived to years of maturity.

Major William T. Crawford was diligently employed on his father's farm and attended the district schools of his home neighborhood and the high school of New Lisbon, Ohio. He began teaching in the same county and after being thus engaged four years, in 1860, came to Sullivan county, Indiana, and built the Ascension Seminary at Farmersburg. Before its completion, however, in August, 1862, he raised a company and was made captain of what was known as Company H, Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving as a gallant officer and brave soldier, from August, 1862, to June 12, 1865. He saw much actual campaign service, participating in fifteen battles of the Civil war and being honorably discharged as brevet major. His regiment was first encamped at Locust Grove, opposite Cincinnati, for a few weeks, and then moved to Falmouth, Kentucky. There Captain Crawford was detailed by General A. J. Smith, to act as provost marshall of the place, which he did for two and a half months. The regiment then moved to Lexington and on to Danville, Kentucky, later being sent to Louisville, where it was transported down the Ohio river and thence up the Cumberland to Nashville, Tennessee; and thence was transferred to Brentwood and Franklin, Tennessee. Before reaching Franklin, Captain Crawford was attacked by typhoid fever and pneumonia, and five physicians gave his case up as a fatal one, telling him if he had any word to send to his family they would be glad to communicate it. The captain said, "Dr. Hobbs, please tell my wife that I have been sick, but am going to get well and live to see this rebellion put down." Dr. Hobbs then turned to Drs. Wiles and McPheters and said: "His will power may yet pull him through." He began to recover, but while still in bed the rebels made an attack on the town of Franklin. He started for his command at Fort Granger, but was so weak that he was compelled to rest on the door steps along the streets. As he neared the river, five Confederates rode up and demanded his sword. The captain had not realized that they were rebels until after they had surrounded him. The leader at once demanded the captain's sword and when he asked him, "By what authority?" the rebel replied, "By the

Confederate authority. What authority did you think?" He then ordered him to get up on the horse behind him, whereupon the captain refused. The officer then drew his revolver on him and said, "Then I will leave you here." The captain replied, "You have the drop on me." Again the Confederate officer said, "Hand up your sword at once," and when the captain refused, the rebel demanded that he mount his horse behind him. For answer Captain Crawford knocked the revolver out of the enemy's hand with a hickory cane, which he fortunately carried. At that instant about one thousand shots were fired from the Union lines, one ball striking the leader in the mouth and cutting his tongue partly off. The blood shot out over Captain Crawford and fell upon his sword, which remained unwashed for many years after the close of the war. Another of the Confederates brought his carbine down upon the captain's head, but a ball pierced the rebel's hand. Still another of the Confederate squad was shot through the side, as he was taking aim at the captain's head. Another's horse was shot from under him as he exclaimed, "Throw up your hands or we will shoot — out of you." At this critical moment Captain Bails crossed the river and assisted Captain Crawford into the Union lines.

A few weeks later two spies from General Bragg's army (Colonel Williams and Lieutenant Peter entered the Union lines, reporting that they were sent by General Garfield to inspect the camp, presenting as their authority a forged letter from the commander. Representing, also, that they had been surprised and robbed by rebels, they borrowed fifty dollars from Colonel Baird and obtained from him a pass to go to Nashville. Colonel Watkins, of the Sixth Kentucky Regiment (a graduate of West Point) recognized one of the spies as being a classmate of his and they had no sooner left camp than that officer remarked to Colonel Baird: "Those men are spies." As quick as thought, Baird said, "Overtake them and bring them back," which command was accomplished as the Confederates were nearing the outer picket lines. Blandly telling them that the rebels were between them and Nashville and that Colonel Baird wished to send them a guard, Colonel Watkins led them to the regimental headquarters. One of the spies—a distant relative of Washington, answered "We have no fears." But Colonel Watkins persisted and they were brought back. Each wore a white visor on his cap; when they returned a strong guard was placed around the tent. Colonel Baird stepped up to Colonel Williams and raised the white visor from his cap and saw on the band "C. S. A." (meaning Confederate States of America.) The same conclusive evidence was found on their swords, when they were drawn from their sheaths. Captain Crawford was made judge advocate at the trial, which was short and conclusive as to their guilt. Colonel Baird tried to escape the painful duty of hanging them, but, in reply to his telegram, General Garfield telegraphed, "If guilty, hang them at once," and they were accordingly executed—hanged to a wild cherry tree near Fort Granger—June 9, 1863. It is said that the Confederate, Colonel Williams, was a relative of General Lee.

After the war Major Crawford refitted the Ascension Seminary, and

in September, 1865, opened a normal school which he conducted until 1872. In that year he moved to Sullivan and consolidated it with the local high school, conducting the higher department as a Normal Institute until 1876, and out of the number who have been educated under him, two thousand two hundred and eighty-three have followed teaching as a profession. After 1876 the major engaged in the pension business in which he is still engaged and during this period of thirty-two years he has obtained between six and seven thousand pensions and increases, the beneficiaries being residents of twenty-three states.

JOHN S. BAYS.—The late John S. Bays, of Sullivan, was widely known and deeply honored by the court and bar of both Sullivan and Vigo counties, his prominence as a corporation lawyer bringing him very frequently to the courts of Terre Haute and other points in southern Indiana. Commencing in Sullivan county as a general practitioner, nearly a quarter of a century ago, his strong mind became more and more interested in the development of the great business and industrial development of the section of the state which he had made his home, and those forces themselves began to call upon him with ever increasing insistence for his careful, wise and practical legal guidance. The most important development of southern Indiana centered in its coal interests, and prior to their consolidation Mr. Bays had become the legal counsel for most of the large companies. By thus specializing he achieved a standing which placed him among the best informed and most successful lawyers in the country devoted to the management and exploitation of these vast properties. About two years before his death he effected a consolidation of the coal mines of southern Indiana, and this master stroke extended his reputation as a corporation lawyer throughout the central states. The vast business that resulted from this combination passed through his hands, and he did the work quickly because many years of application had made him thoroughly familiar with the details. He had always been a tremendous worker, all his habits were temperate, his constitution was vital with magnetism and based upon an abundance of physical strength, and yet it is doubtless true that the incessant and concentrated labors which finally gave birth to this last and greatest success of his professional life had much to do with the undermining of his health and his inability to resist the inroads of the disease which, with such comparative suddenness, snatched him from his business associates, his professional co-workers, and his loving kindred and friends. He spent the winter preceding his death in California, but, upon his return to Sullivan in the spring it was found that the change had been unavailing, and after several months of heroic struggling and the final resignation of a calm and resigned Christian, he died in the midst of his family on the 13th of August, 1906. On the day of his funeral the whole city practically suspended business, and the memorial resolutions of the bar associations of Sullivan, Greene, Vigo and Knox counties indicated

how general was the feeling of deep loss which pervaded the ranks of his professional associates. In the procession which accompanied his remains from the church to the grave were representatives of these organizations, as well as from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he had long been active. "Coupled with his commanding ability as a lawyer," says one of the tributes, "was a high character as a citizen and a lovable disposition as a man and a friend. Ever kind and courteous in his bearing toward his associates at the bar and litigants, fair and honorable in his professional conduct, respectful and considerate of the judge on the bench, and faithful above all to those who were so fortunate as to become his clients, he has left among us a name to be cherished and an example to be emulated with profit."

John S. Bays was a native of Point Commerce, Greene county, Indiana, where he was born on the 27th of January, 1850. His father, William S. Bays, was born in Virginia, and after his marriage to a Kentucky lady came to Indiana, where he prosecuted his dual calling of hardware merchant and farmer. The parents both died on the old Bays homestead near Worthington, Greene county. John S. obtained his preliminary education in the common schools of his native place, and in 1867, at the age of seventeen, entered the Indiana University at Bloomington. Because of the illness of his father he was obliged to leave the university, after completing a three years' course there. In 1871 he entered the law department of the university, from which he was graduated. Shortly afterward, in 1875, he began practice at Worthington, where he remained for five years, being also the publisher of the *Times* during a portion of that period. In 1880 he removed to Bloomfield and formed a law partnership with Hon. Lucien Shaw, the firm practicing in Los Angeles, California, in 1883-4. (Judge Shaw is now a member of the supreme court of California.) In the latter year Mr. Bays returned to Indiana, and located at Sullivan, his home thereafter until his death. His talents and strength were all devoted to the practice of his profession and he ever preferred the career of an attorney, as he repeatedly declined to be a candidate for judge of the fourteenth judicial district. In politics he was a Democrat, but was never a candidate for any political office; but during the administration of Governor Durbin he was appointed as the Democratic member of the board of directors of the Southern Hospital for the Insane, which position he held at the time of his death. The deceased was a member of the Methodist church, the Sullivan lodge of Odd Fellows, and a charter member of Sullivan Lodge No. 911, B. P. O. E. He was instrumental in securing many public improvements for Sullivan, among others the founding of the Carnegie library, of which he was one of the first trustees.

In 1876 Mr. Bays was united in marriage with Miss Hettie Fenton, of Indianapolis, but a native of Canada. She is a daughter of John Fenton, who was born in Dublin, Ireland, and married in Clifton, England. He came to Canada in the fifties with his wife and when they migrated to the United States located in Ohio. Mr. Fenton served in

the ranks of the Union army throughout the Civil war, and afterward located in Indianapolis, where both he and his wife spent their last years and where Mrs. John S. Bays was educated. The widow still resides at Sullivan, the mother of the following: Lee, born January 30, 1878; Harold, born January 26, 1880; and Fred F., whose biography is elsewhere given.

Lee received a thorough literary training at DePauw University and graduated in law at the University of Wisconsin. He married Miss Zoe E. Chaney, daughter of Congressman John C. Chaney. Harold, the second son, graduated from the Sullivan High School, and served four years in the army, his experience covering campaigns both in Cuba and the Philippines. He then graduated from Culver Academy, and while a student there held the western academic record in the hammer throw for 1902-3. He married Miss Glenn Lucas, daughter of Captain W. H. Lucas, a sketch of whose life is given in other pages of this work. Harold C. Bays is now head of the artillery department of the Culver Military Academy and instructor in English and mathematics. He has two sons. Lee and Fred Fenton Bays are now associated in the practice of the law, the former having previously been connected with his father.

FRED FENTON BAYS, of the law firm of Bays & Bays, of Sullivan, is one of the able, eloquent and broad-minded young men of this section of Indiana, who in his professional, political and public capacities has already achieved much and given promise of a brilliant and substantial future career. He was born in Bloomfield, Indiana, on the 12th day of July, 1882, a son of the late John S. and Hattie (Fenton) Bays. His father was for nearly a quarter of a century one of the leading lawyers of southern Indiana, and, had he so desired, might have ascended the bench of the higher courts. But all his abilities were wrapped in the practice of the law, and at his death he was considered one of the leading corporation lawyers of the Ohio valley and had no superior as an authority on the law relating to coal interests. As a man he was pure, high-minded and lovable, and the record of his life is given elsewhere in detail.

Fred F. Bays received the foundation of his mental training at Culver Academy, from which he graduated in 1904, after which he pursued his professional courses in the University of Indianapolis Law School and the University of Indiana Law School at Bloomington, Indiana. Soon after graduating from the latter he entered into practice with his brother Lee, who had been associated with his father. The two brothers, under the style of Bays & Bays, have continued the large business established by their father, and are handling it with energy and fine judgment. Although general practitioners, they make a specialty of corporate law as relates to the coal interests, representing both the Southern Indiana railroad and the Southern Indiana Coal Company. They are also attorneys for the Standard Oil Company for that section of the state. Their well-appointed

and busy offices are located on the north side of the public square on Washington street.

Fred F. Bays is a strong Democrat, and early commenced to participate in the deliberations of the party. At the age of twenty-two he was elected chairman of the county committee, and ably performed its duties for two years. Governor Hanly selected him as a trustee of the Indiana Southern Hospital for the Insane to fill out his father's unexpired term of one and a half years, and at the expiration of that period he was appointed for a new term of four years, which will not expire until 1912. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Mystic Shrine at Indianapolis, and is also active in the fraternal work of the Elks, being exalted ruler of Lodge No. 911. He maintains his fraternal associations with his alma mater through the Beta Theta Pi of the Indiana University, and has cause to remember his college career with pride as well as fondness. While at Culver he won the first medal for oratory and a medal for debate; was editor-in-chief of the *Vidette*, and was a member of the football and track teams, as well as being interested in boxing and athletics in general. He was a true university man, and has carried the broad, active and versatile life of his college days into the realities of professional and social life. From college halls he has continued his interest in oratory, and takes time from his busy professional life to promote the art, and in giving a gold medal to the winner of the annual oratorical contest in the Sullivan high school he pays a beautiful tribute to his late father's memory and at the same time furnishes an inspiration to young men and women to cultivate this ancient and time-honored art. The annual event is known as the "John S. Bays Gold Medal Oratorical Contest."

SILVER CHANEY.—A lawyer, real estate dealer and loan agent, who is doing an extensive business at Sullivan, Indiana, is Silver Chaney, who was born September 14, 1858, in Allen county, Indiana, near Fort Wayne. He is the son of James and Nancy (Crawford) Chaney, the former being a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, born August 9, 1823. He was of Scotch-Irish descent. By trade he was a carpenter and contractor, working at the same in the vicinity of Fort Wayne. In his politics, he was a supporter of Republican party principles. He died in 1901, on a farm in Allen county. The mother was a native of Columbiana county, also; the date of her birth was 1828, and she still survives and is residing in Allen county. Both she and her husband were Presbyterians in their church faith and membership. Twelve children were born to them, seven being now deceased and the living are: John C., present member of Congress from the Second District of Indiana; Silver, of this biographical notice; Mary E.; Belle, wife of George Lopshire, a resident of Allen county; Matilda, wife of Joseph Weaver, residing in Wells county.

Silver Chaney spent the early part of his life on the farm and attended the public schools, after which he took an eight months course

in the schools of Farmersburg, and received a license to teach and taught two years at Cloverland, Clay county, Indiana. He next attended the Wabash College one year and entered Washington and Jefferson College, in Pennsylvania, where he took a literary course, graduating with the class of 1879. He returned to his native state and taught school in Wells and Allen counties two years, as principal of the Zanesville schools. In 1883, he went to Sullivan and engaged in the abstract business, handling real estate at the same time, and continuing in such work until 1887, when he entered the University of Michigan, graduating from the law department of that most thorough and modern school, with the class of 1889. He then returned to Sullivan county, and commenced the practice of law with C. D. Hunt, of Sullivan. After two years thus associated, he practiced independently for a time, and then formed a partnership with A. G. McNabb, with whom he remained a partner for four years. Since that date he has been alone or with his brother, Hon. John C. Besides carrying on in a successful manner his legal business, he is extensively engaged in loans and real estate transactions. He is a director of the Citizens Trust Company of Sullivan and also director in the American-German Trust Company of Terre Haute; director and auditor of the Great Western Life Insurance Co. of Terre Haute.

Mr. Chaney and his brother, Hon. John C. Chaney, organized the Alum Cave Coal and Coke company, which was the first movement in the direction of developing the coal fields of the neighborhood of Sullivan county.

Mr. Chaney is interested in fraternities, being a member of the Odd Fellows order and has been district deputy grand master and grand patriarch for about fourteen years in Lodge No. 146. He is also a member of the Masonic blue lodge, chapter and council. He was married August 12, 1889, to Minnie M. McEneney, born in Sullivan county, August 12, 1864; she was educated in Sullivan county and at St. Mary of the Woods class. Her parents were, Patrick and Julia A. McEneney, both now residents of Sullivan, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Chaney have four children: Julia Verne, Silver Dean, John Francis, and Harold R. Mrs. Chaney is a member of the Christian church and he of the Presbyterian.

WILLIAM H. CROWDER, JR., prominent as the cashier of the Sullivan State Bank, comes of a well-known and highly respected family of Sullivan county, Indiana. He was born November 23, 1868, in Sullivan, son of William H. Crowder, Sr. and wife, whose family history will be found in another sketch within this work. William H. Crowder of this notice, obtained his education in the most excellent public schools of Sullivan and began his business career at the age of sixteen years in his father's banking house. He became the bookkeeper, which position he held until he was twenty-two years of age. At that time he entered into partnership with J. M. Long in the clothing business, remaining four years, when the partnership was dissolved, after which Mr. Crowder went

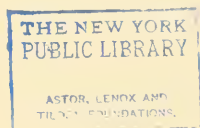
to Linton, Indiana, and there conducted a clothing and shoestore for about four years. He then entered the State Bank at Sullivan, in October, 1900, as the teller of that institution; and also served as assistant cashier. In September, 1906, he was elected cashier of the bank, which responsible position he still holds. He is a stockholder and director in the Sullivan State Bank and accounted a first class business man.

Politically, he is a Democrat and has held the office of city counsel four years, and his term of office as such will expire January 1, 1910. He is connected with the Odd Fellows order at Sullivan. He was married in June, 1891, to Earlene Moore, born in Sullivan, October, 1872, and educated in her native town. She is the daughter of Robert A. and Susan (Robertson) Moore. The mother is deceased and her father resides at Sullivan. He is a native of Ohio, and both were among the early settlers of Sullivan. Mr. and Mrs. Crowder are the parents of seven children: William H. Jr., born August 17, 1892, now attending high school; Daniel M., born April 25, 1894; Doris, born May 1, 1898; Deborah, born April 5, 1900; June, born May 12, 1902; Elizabeth, born April 30, 1904; Ben Allen, born February 26, 1906.

BENJAMIN COX CROWDER, who is now the county auditor of Sullivan county, was born December 20, 1875, in Sullivan, Indiana, son of William H., Sr., and Sarah (Stewart) Crowder. (For an account of his ancestors see sketch of William H. Crowder, Sr., in this work.) Mr. Crowder received his primary education at Sullivan in the public schools, and in the autumn of 1894 entered DePauw University. When twenty years old he returned to Sullivan and commenced working in the Sullivan County Bank, of which his father was president. He worked as a bookkeeper until this institution and the Farmers' State Bank consolidated into what is now known as the Sullivan State Bank. He remained there until the organization of the National Bank of Sullivan, when he accepted a position in the new bank, he being assistant cashier for the first six months of this institution's history. He then went to Indianapolis and was engaged as bookkeeper in the Crowder-Mason Shoe Company, his cousin, C. H. Crowder being president of that company. He remained thereabout five months and in the autumn of 1901, he was chosen deputy auditor, under J. M. Lang and worked until his term expired and then worked at bookkeeping in the Sullivan State Bank about one year, when he was chosen by E. E. Russell, then county auditor, as his deputy, which position he held until elected to the office of auditor on the Democratic ticket, in November, 1906. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; also belongs to the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, at DePauw University. Mr. Crowder is president of the Citizens Driving Club.

September 16, 1905, Mr. Crowder was married to Emily H. McCrory, born in Sullivan, Indiana, December 3, 1876. She graduated from the high school with the class of 1896. In March, 1900, she acted as assistant in the county auditor's office, remaining there until her marriage. She

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Dr. J. H. Hall
M.D.

is the daughter of William and Rachel Ann (Leach) McCrory, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Crowder are the parents of one daughter, Rachel Louise, born August 11, 1906. Mrs. Crowder is a faithful member of the Christian church.

DR. JOSEPH R. WHALEN, one of the most successful practitioners of Carlisle, is also a large land owner in Sullivan and Knox counties, has important banking and real estate interests in his home city, and, aside from his high professional standing, is a citizen of most substantial ability and character. Born near Bruceville, Knox county, Indiana, on the 30th of March, 1861, he is a son of Dr. Richard M. and Frances J. (Jenks) Whalen. He comes of distinguished ancestry on both sides of the family, the paternal branch originating in Ireland, where his great-great-grandfather was born. The heads of the three succeeding generations, with which the doctor is directly connected, are buried in Bethlehem cemetery, four miles southeast of Carlisle. On the other hand, his maternal grandmother, Jane Arnold, was the daughter of Major Arnold, of Culpeper county, Virginia, who fought with Washington at Yorktown, and now lies buried at Napoleon, Ripley county, Indiana.

John Whalen, the great-grandfather, was among the first school teachers in Sullivan county, and the grandfather, Richard J., was a farmer who took up government land in the county. The title to the property has never been changed, and Dr. Joseph R. is now the owner of forty acres of the original tract. Richard J. Whalen was born in Tennessee and died in Haddon township, this county. His son, Dr. Richard M. (father of Dr. Joseph R.) Whalen, was born in the township named, November 4, 1832, was reared on a farm, and was graduated in medicine from a Chicago college, being long engaged in honorable practice, chiefly in his native locality. He resided in Kansas in 1866 and 1867, and then moved to Haddon township, this county, practicing near Carlisle until his death, July 8, 1899. The deceased was an influential Democrat and a fine citizen, serving for two terms as trustee of Haddon township. He was also a Mason in high standing, having been master of the local lodge for a number of times and holding membership in Blue Lodge No. 3, at Carlisle. Both he and his wife (who died February 26, 1902) were faithful adherents to Methodism. Mrs. Richard M. Whalen was born at Napoleon, Ripley county, Indiana, on the 12th of February, 1839, daughter of Dr. Joseph Jenks. Her father was born in England; when eleven years of age came to America as one of five brothers; was educated in Cincinnati, Ohio; practiced his profession in Indiana, Illinois and Kansas, and died in California about 1890. In Kansas occurred the marriage of his daughter to Dr. Richard M. Whalen, on the 12th of May, 1859, and to that union were born the following children: Lewis T., who died in infancy; Joseph R.; Mary Annette, wife of D. J. Mathers, who is connected with the National Bank at Carlisle; Hattie F., deceased; Fannie S., now the wife of J. B. Latshaw, of Carlisle; Marion R. and Charles, deceased; and Nellie, who married W. J. Cole, of Sullivan.

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Dr. Joseph R. Whalen, of this biography, obtained his early education at Carlisle, Indiana, and after pursuing the higher literary branches at Union College, Merom, taught for a year in Haddon township. He then was associated with his father in the drug business for four years, when he sold his interest and engaged in the buying and feeding of stock until 1891. In that year he was matriculated at the Louisville Medical College, from which he graduated in 1894 with unusual honors, receiving a gold medal as the leader in general scholarship of a class of one hundred and ninety-one students. After his graduation he served as demonstrator of anatomy in his alma mater for a year, spending the following three years in practice at Oakton, Indiana, and the four succeeding years at Bicknell, that state. Since that time he has been an active and successful member of the profession and a public-spirited citizen of Carlisle, following the example of other progressive physicians and surgeons of the country by taking post-graduate studies. In 1893 the doctor pursued such a course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, specializing in anatomy.

Aside from his extensive medical practice, Dr. Whalen has large property interests, which include 810 acres of land in Sullivan and Knox counties and residence property in Carlisle. He was also one of the organizers of the People's Bank of that city, in which he is still a director. In politics, he is a Democrat, and his fraternal relations are with Masonry—more especially with Carlisle Lodge, No. 3, F. and A. M.; Vincennes Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M., and Vincennes Commandery, No. 20. He has served as master of the blue lodge in Carlisle, Oaktown and Bicknell, Indiana.

On January 1, 1883, Dr. Whalen married Miss Isabelle Gobin, who was born in Haddon township, November 3, 1864, and received her education at Evansville, Indiana, where the ceremony occurred. She was the daughter of John and Margaret (Hall) Gobin, natives of Carlisle, her great-grandmother, Dianna Melburne (Forrester) Hall, being an adopted daughter of Lord Melburne, prime minister of England, and was presented to the court of St. James. The Gobins were early settlers of Sullivan county. Mrs. Isabelle Whalen died June 14, 1907, leaving three daughters: Melburne, born October 7, 1883, now the wife of Manson G. Couch, the mother of two children, and a resident of Lawrenceville, Illinois; Marguerite, born March 5, 1885, and Gladys, born June 27, 1891, both unmarried and living at home. The first Mrs. Whalen was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as are her daughters. On November 4, 1908, the doctor wedded, as his second wife, Mrs. Ida Irene (Smith) Starnier.

THOMAS E. WARD, the present treasurer of Sullivan county, Indiana, was born January 4, 1863, in Sullivan, son of Anderson and Elizabeth Jane (Roll) Ward. The father, who was a native of Tennessee, of Irish ancestry, was born March 21, 1818, and died September 22, 1884,

in Sullivan county, Indiana. The mother was born in Vigo county, Indiana, in 1836, and died March 2, 1882, in Sullivan county. They were united in marriage in Vigo county in 1854, and resided for a time—probably about four years—in Fayette township, Vigo county, and then moved to a farm six miles from Sullivan, in an eastern direction. After living there one or two seasons, they moved into the town of Sullivan. They then moved back and forth to the farm from Sullivan at different times, but were living on the farm at the date of their death. Anderson Ward came to Indiana when ten years of age with his parents. When he was old enough, he taught school and became a physician, and was also a minister in the Church of Christ, being in the ministry at the time of his death. Politically, he was a Democrat. He was at one time a member of the Masonic order. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Sarah, deceased; Polly, deceased; Nancy M., residing at Terre Haute; Bettie, of Vigo county; Thomas E.; Katie, now of Vigo county; Jennie, of Vigo county; John B., residing in Sullivan county; Mattie, living in Chicago; Lou H., residing in Sullivan; Maggie, residing in Sullivan county. The living children are all married and settled in homes of their own.

Thomas E. Ward, the fifth child in his parents' family, received his early education in his native place and labored on the farm until he was twenty-three years of age. He then started out in life on his own account following farming until the autumn of 1907, when he purchased a residence in Sullivan. During the winter months for fifteen years he worked in the coal mines. In November, 1906, he was elected county treasurer of Sullivan county, taking his office January 1, 1908. He was elected on the Democratic ticket, which party he has always supported. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is advanced in that order to the Encampment. He also holds a membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, at Sullivan.

October 16, 1886, he was married to Katie Waggoner, who was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, January 14, 1867, daughter of William H. and Mary (Snow) Waggoner. Her mother is residing in Oklahoma. Five children were born to Thomas E. Ward and wife: Lillie E., born July 15, 1889, a graduate of Lyons Business College, of Sullivan, Indiana, with the class of 1907, and now assisting her father in his official duties as treasurer; Ivy Fern, July 27, 1891, attending school at the State Normal at Terre Haute; Tressie May, May 3, 1893, attending high school; Ver-nice Keitha, March 5, 1900; and Roy Anderson, October 17, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Ward and family are members of the Church of Christ; he is an elder and trustee of this church, at Palmer Prairie, Sullivan county.

ARTHUR ELMER DEBAUN, the efficient clerk of the Sullivan circuit court, Indiana, was born in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, March 2, 1870, son of James P. and Rebecca J. (Dilley) DeBaun. His father, who was also a native of the same township, was born March 14,

1839, and died February 10, 1899. Abraham DeBaun, the grandfather, was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, November 27, 1813, and came to Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1831 with his father and mother, Samuel and Mary (Devine) DeBaun. Samuel DeBaun was a native of Virginia, born in 1776, and his father was a soldier in the Revolutionary cause. His powderhorn is now highly prized by Arthur E., of this sketch. Samuel, the great-grandfather, died in Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1833, and the grandfather, Abraham DeBaun, died April 3, 1900. The wife of Abraham, Elizabeth Pogue, was born in Fort Knox, near Vincennes, Indiana, July 28, 1816, and died July 17, 1884. She was five months old when her parents, James Pogue and wife, in the fall of 1816, with two other families, settled in Fairbanks township. These three original settlers and their families consisted of James Pogue, Joseph Thomas, and Leduwick Ernest. The mother of Arthur E. DeBaun, also a native of Fairbanks township, was born in 1845, and died February 1, 1871. She was the daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Johnson) Dilley. Her father was born in Ohio in 1806 and died in 1872; he came from Lawrence county to Sullivan county, and was among the pioneer settlers of that region. Nancy Johnson was born in 1813 in Ohio and died in 1887; she came with her parents to Sullivan county about 1820. The above named were farmers by occupation and helped to start the first enterprises in this part of the state. James P. DeBaun was married twice, his second wife being Sarah Ann Lee, who was born in Illinois, May 23, 1853, and died August 23, 1901. The three children born of the first union were: Iverson W., born 1866, died in infancy; Walter Scott, born January 22, 1868, resides in Fairbanks township; Arthur Elmer, of this memoir. There was no issue by the second marriage. James P. DeBaun was a Democrat of the stanch and uncompromising type and always followed farming. He and his wife were members of the Christian church.

Arthur Elmer DeBaun, who was reared on his father's farm was permitted to attend the public schools, and later entered DePauw University, at Greencastle, where he spent six years, graduating in the Liberal Arts course in the class of 1897. He then followed teaching school for two terms in Fairbanks township. Desiring to follow the legal profession, he took a law course in the Indiana Law School at Indianapolis and was graduated in 1901. In the spring of 1902, he went to Sullivan, becoming deputy county clerk, which position he held until he was seated as clerk, March 28, 1908, being elected to the office in 1906. He is a Democrat, and was elected on that ticket. Mr. DeBaun is a member of the Christian church.

RICHARD LEVY BAILEY, county surveyor of Sullivan county, is a native of Hamilton township, this county, born December 14, 1866, son of Marshal and Caroline (Bivins) Bailey. Bedford, Lawrence county, Indiana, was the birthplace of the father, who was born January 3, 1836. Mr. Bailey's mother was also a native of the same place and has been dead a number of years. The father married a second time,

a Mrs. Scott, who is also deceased. For his third wife, he married Mrs. Sarah Sutton, and they are now residents of Hamilton township, where the father has resided for forty-four years. Marshal Bailey and Caroline Bivins were united in marriage in Lawrence county and came to Sullivan county, locating in Hamilton township, in the early autumn of 1863, settling on the place on which he still resides. His ancestors were of German and Scotch-Irish lineage. At one time the father owned about three hundred acres of land, but his present tract contains only one hundred acres. Politically he is a Democrat. Both he and his first wife were members of the Christian church. Their children were eleven in number. Six are deceased, and the surviving are: Richard L.; Dr. W. A., residing at Sullivan; Lola, wife of William Bolinger, of Sullivan; Tressie Eaton, residing in Gill township, Sullivan county; Inez, wife of Ward Hawkins, residing in Sullivan. There was no issue by Marshal Bailey's second and third marriages.

Richard L. Bailey attended the district schools of his home township and later the Southern Indiana Normal school at Mitchell, graduating from the scientific course in the class of 1884. He then attended the State University at Bloomington for one year. The next three years of his life he spent in farming and teaching school, after which he entered the law office of George G. Reily, at Vincennes, Indiana, remained there eighteen months and was admitted to the bar in 1889. He then associated himself with Charles G. McCord, of Vincennes, in the abstract business for three years. He next went to Texas, and assisted in organizing Armstrong county of that state. There he was chosen deputy county clerk and served about two years. In the meantime, he had entered a section of land, which he finally sold, and after traveling through the West a short time, he returned to Vincennes, where he was made county surveyor of Knox county, which office he held for one term. He next became a contractor in building levees along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, in which work he continued until 1900, when he returned to Sullivan county, Indiana, and established himself in the profession of a civil engineer. He was appointed county surveyor in August, 1900, and was elected to that office in the month of November, 1900, taking his office December, 1901. He served, however, under the ex-county surveyor from August, 1900, until his regular term commenced, and which will expire January 1, 1909. He was elected to this office on the Democratic ticket, of which party he is a firm supporter. Mr. Bailey has taken nine degrees in Masonry; he now holds membership at Sullivan. He was a charter member of the Elks order at Sullivan; he belongs to the Tribe of Ben Hur, having joined that order in Knox county, but now belongs to the lodge at Sullivan.

He was married December 28, 1893, to Gertrude Benefield, born in Hamilton township, a daughter of John and Sarah (McGrew) Benefield. Her father is deceased and the mother is residing in Sullivan. She was born in Hamilton township, while her husband was a native of Lawrence county, Indiana. They were farmers and he came to this county when a boy. Mrs. Bailey attended the Sullivan high schools and Indiana State

Normal, at Terre Haute. She then taught school in the district schools of Sullivan county for nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are the parents of one daughter: Juanita, born September 14, 1894.

JOHN WILLIAM LINDLEY, a representative of the legal fraternity at Sullivan, is a native of Crawford county, Illinois, born December 19, 1867, a son of Samuel and Harriet (Hollenbeck) Lindley. The father was also a native of Crawford county, Illinois, born in April, 1833, and is still living in that county, on a farm. The mother was born in Clarke county, Illinois, September, 1842, and still survives. The grandfather, William A. Lindley, was a native of North Carolina, and came to Illinois a single man, settling in Crawford county, about 1800, where he resided until about fifty-six years of age. He was a farmer, of English descent, and reared a family of seven children. Grandfather Hollenbeck came from Dutch ancestry of New York.

Samuel Lindley, the father, always kept the farm on which he was born and reared and the title has never been changed. Politically, he is a Democrat of uncompromising terms. Among the local positions he has held may be mentioned that of supervisor. Both he and his wife are exemplary members of the Baptist church. Originally, the Lindley family were of the Quaker religious faith. The children born to Samuel and Harriet (Hollenbeck) Lindley are: Emma, wife of E. H. Boyd; Charles E., a resident of Crawford county; Mollie, deceased; John William, of this sketch; Ollie J. (twin sister of John W.), now wife of Charles H. Voorheis, of Crawford county; Ola, wife of J. H. Neff, residing in Sullivan county; Samuel E., of Sullivan, a dentist.

John William Lindley was reared midst the scenes and labors incident to farm life and attended the common schools, after which he attended the Southern Illinois Normal University, graduating with the class of 1892. He then taught school one year in the city schools of Robinson, Illinois, and read law in the same city, at the same time, with Bradbury & McHatton. He remained with this firm for two years and passed the examination before the appellate court, August 3, 1894, and was admitted to the bar at Robinson. December 19, 1894, he began practice in Sullivan, Indiana, in partnership with John C. Briggs, with whom he remained until August 1, 1899, since which he has practiced independently. He has been connected with nearly every criminal case tried within Sullivan county in the last four or five years, thus proving his ability as a rising attorney. He was prosecuting attorney for the Fourteenth judicial district for 1903-04.

Mr. Lindley is a member of the Sullivan County Bar Association. Politically, he affiliates with the Democratic party and in his fraternal relations is connected with the Knights of Pythias, Elks and Modern Woodmen of America.

He was happily married, in September, 1901, to Zona Lacey, who was

born in Sullivan, Indiana, September, 1877. She received her education in the county of her birth. Her parents are Edward P. and Margaret Lacey, both of whom still reside in Sullivan, her father being a teacher in the public schools. Two children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lindley : Price, born in 1903, and Lois M., born in 1904. The parents are members of the Baptist church.

FRANK M. DOUTHITT, who is engaged in the clothing business at Sullivan, was born April 14, 1871, in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, a son of Thomas M. and Lydia M. (Wells) Douthitt. The father was a native of the same township and county, born on the old original Douthitt homestead, eight miles east of Carlisle, which place was settled by the grandfather. Thomas M., the father, was born April 23, 1845, and still lives on the old farm, with his wife, who was also born within the same township, in 1848. He has always followed farming, and was also quite a noted stock raiser. He is still able to attend to his finely improved hundred-acre farm. In his politics he is decidedly a Democrat. He has taken much interest in the welfare of his county, having served one term as county commissioner, and was a justice of the peace one term, etc. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church, known as Indian Prairie church. They are the parents of five children, born in the following order: William T., an attorney; George E., residing in Carlisle; Frank M., of this notice; Louretta, died February 22, 1905; John E., residing on a farm adjoining the old homestead.

Being reared on his father's farm, Frank M. Douthitt had the advantages of the public schools of his native county. He taught school one term in Jefferson township. He then went to Sullivan and began clerking for McCammon & Wolfe, beginning April 27, 1892. This was in a clothing store, in which he remained until December 1, 1900, at which time he opened a store on Jackson street, and put in a good stock of clothing and gentlemen's furnishings, which line of business he still carries on in a successful manner. His store is the largest of its line within the town of Sullivan.

In his political views Mr. Douthitt supports the Democratic party, believing, as he does, that this best represents the general interests of the country. He is one of the directors in the Sullivan Building and Loan Association, and has other business interests within the county.

Mr. Douthitt was married, November 24, 1896, to Miss Anna Boatright, a native of Sullivan, born October 1, 1871, and educated in Sullivan, having graduated from the high school. She was engaged in the millinery business with a sister at the time of her marriage. She is the daughter of William and Ellen (Pearson) Boatright, both of whom are now residing in Sullivan. The children born to Mr. Douthitt and wife are as follows: Paul Schuyler, born August 23, 1897; Thomas Edward, born May 3, 1900; Joseph Boatright, born August 30, 1903.

IRA GLIDDEN, one of the business factors of Sullivan, doing a mercantile business, was born August 30, 1866, at Lewisville, Indiana, a son of Frederick Eugene and Julia (Martin) Glidden. Both of the parents were natives of Rush county, Indiana; the father was born in 1834 and died in 1900, at Lewisville, Indiana, while the mother was born in 1841 and is now residing at Lewisville. The father was a jeweler, and was engaged in a jewelry business at Greenfield, Indiana, for a number of years. In 1884 he went to Sullivan, where he conducted a jewelry and shoe business until 1888, then returned to Greenfield and retired from active business life.

Being eight years old at the time his parents moved to Greenfield, Ira Glidden was there educated in the public schools. He remained with his father until twenty-one years of age, then engaged in the clothing trade, with W. E. Woods, of Sullivan, Indiana, serving as a clerk for twelve years, and gaining a thorough knowledge of the business. His next experience was as a commercial traveler out of Indianapolis for three and a half years. He was with Henderickson & Lefer, hatters. After quitting the store, he returned to Sullivan, where he was again employed by W. E. Woods for a short time, and in 1904 engaged in business for himself, conducting a tailor shop. The following year he, with John F. Douthitt, bought the clothing business belonging to J. W. Wolfe & Son, and they have conducted the store to the present time in a most satisfactory and profitable manner. Their store is the most thoroughly up-to-date one in Sullivan. He is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the U. C. T. of Indianapolis.

Mr. Glidden was united in marriage, August 29, 1888, to Lola Moore, born in Sullivan in 1862, where she was educated. Her parents were Robert A. and Susan (Robison) Moore, the father living with his daughter, Mrs. Glidden, and the mother being deceased. Mr. Moore is one of the pioneers of the dry goods trade in Sullivan. He retired from a long and prosperous mercantile career, in the latter part of the eighties. Mr. and Mrs. Glidden have two daughters: Nellie and Susan.

JAMES R. BROWN, lawyer and abstractor, practicing at Sullivan, is a native of Wabash county, Illinois, born September 14, 1872, son of John and Eliza (Cisel) Brown. The father was born in 1832 and died in November, 1872. The grandfather, James Brown, a native of England, born about 1795, came to the United States in 1820, locating in Virginia. He removed to Illinois and there spent the remainder of his days. Grandfather Thomas Cisel was born in Ohio in 1807, and went to Illinois on a raft, run down the Wabash river, in 1814. The family settled at a point within Wabash county. He was of English descent, and always followed farming for his livelihood. The Cisels were all radical Democrats, while the Browns were Republican in their political views.

John Brown, the father of James R., was also a sturdy farmer who, at the date of his death, owned about two hundred and fifty acres of

choice land. He took a deep interest in church work, belonging to the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and was a trustee in that church nearly all of his life. The five children born to Mr. and Mrs. John Brown were named as follows, in the order of their birth: Mary, Aura, and Leander, deceased; Laura M., wife of H. A. Price, of Allendale, Illinois, where he is engaged in the mercantile business; James R., of this memoir. After the death of the father, the mother married, in 1882, J. V. B. Wright. She died in April, 1899. There were no children by this marriage, and Mr. Wright now resides on a farm in Knox county, Indiana.

James R. Brown was reared in Allendale, Illinois, to which place his mother moved four months after the death of the husband and father. The son, having finished his course at the public schools of Allendale, entered and graduated from the scientific course with the class of 1895, at the Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana. He then entered the State University, at Bloomington, Indiana, from which institution he was graduated in 1896. He was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of Indiana in the same year. He then began the practice of law at Martinsville, Indiana, forming a partnership with W. H. Pigg. This law firm removed to Sullivan in 1897, and continued in the practice until 1900, since which date Mr. Brown has been in independent practice. He also conducts an abstract business, with Joseph S. Schroeder, who in this branch of the business is a partner. This is the only abstract office within Sullivan county, and they do a large business and carry it on along approved and correct lines. Mr. Brown is secretary of the Sullivan County Loan Association; also president of the Sunday School Association, as well as being treasurer of the Tri-State Oil Company, all of which causes him to be a very busy man. In fraternal society matters he is connected with the Masonic, Ben Hur, Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors societies. In Masonry, he belongs to the blue lodge and Eastern Star degrees.

August 28, 1896, Mr. Brown was married to Sadie Holsen, a native of Wabash county, Illinois, born January 25, 1875. She was educated in her native county. Her parents were Frederic and Nancy (Kneippe) Holsen, the former born in Germany and now living in Wabash county, and the latter a native of Wabash county, where she died in 1892. The father is a grain dealer and miller, living at Allendale, Illinois. Five sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown: John Stanley, Rolland, Thomas Cisel, Darrel and Marcell. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Brown is financial secretary, and he has been a class leader for the last six years.

ADAM VINCENT MINICH, farmer and stock raiser of Sullivan county, residing in Sullivan, was born May 9, 1857, in Haddon township. He is a son of Pleasant Alexander and Sarah (Corbin) Minich, both parents being natives of this county. The father was born June 6, 1822, and still

lives on the old Minich homestead in Haddon township, south of Carlisle. The mother, born January 25, 1832, also survives. The grandfather, Adam Minich, was born in Virginia and his father and mother came from Germany. The grandfather settled in Tennessee and moved from that state to Sullivan county, Indiana, where he died November 16, 1826. He, with a brother, came to Sullivan county, and entered tracts of government land. Adam Minich was a saddlemaker by trade and employed a small wooden mallet with which to pound the impressions in the leather he used for making the saddle skirts with. This implement is now possessed by Adam V., of this notice, and highly prized as a family relic.

Pleasant Alexander, the father, has always followed farming for his livelihood and has made a success of tilling the soil. He now owns two hundred and fifty acres of valuable land. The first house, which he erected in 1856, is still standing on his farm, in the rear of the substantial brick structure erected in 1878. In his political views, Pleasant A. Minich is a Democrat, and in church faith a Methodist. He and his wife were the parents of three children, as follows: Adam V., of this sketch; William Franklin, born August 22, 1859, married and resides at home with his father; Charles Theodore, died in infancy.

Adam V. Minich obtained his early education at the public schools and was reared to farm labor, and taught habits of frugality and industry. He lingered beneath the parental roof until twenty-four years of age, at which time he began to farm independently in Haddon township, remaining there until the autumn of 1903, when he moved to Sullivan. He still owns his farm, which is a part of the old homestead. In Sullivan, he has erected a commodious and modern styled residence, at the corner of Section and Johnson streets. While residing in the town, he still operates his farm, in which he takes much interest. Politically, he is a firm believer in Democratic policies and platforms. He was elected on this ticket in the fall of 1902 as treasurer of Sullivan county, taking his seat January 1, 1904, and serving four years. He has never been a candidate for any other public office. He is numbered with the Masonic fraternity, being connected with Carlisle Blue Lodge, No. 3, F. and A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter, No. 81, of Sullivan, and the Council of the same place. He is also counted among the brotherhood of the Modern Woodmen of America, at Carlisle, Lodge No. 3332.

November 17, 1881, he was united in marriage to Ollie M. Collins, a native of Haddon township, born July 8, 1857, daughter of J. O. and Sarah Watson Collins, the former born in Kentucky and coming to Indiana in his youth, with his father. He died in Haddon township in the latter part of the nineties and Mrs. Collins still lives in that township. Mr. and Mrs. Minich have no children of their own, but adopted a girl named Mabel and raised her to womanhood. She is still with her foster parents and unmarried. She taught school several terms in Haddon township as well as in the graded schools at Farmersburg and Carlisle. Mrs. Minich is one of a family of nine children, six of whom still live. They are as follows: Finley O., residing in Haddon township; Mrs.

Mimich; Robert, residing on a farm in Tennessee; Dudley Odell, of Haddon township; Eugene L., of Winchester, Tennessee, a hardware merchant; Ora L., unmarried and at home with her mother.

ESOM RUBEN LEACH, head of the firm of E. R. Leach & Co., of Sullivan, was born March 16, 1855, in Grant county, Indiana, a son of Edward and Emily (Brewer) Leach, both of whom died in Sullivan county. The father came to this state from the East with his father and mother, and he was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Grant and Sullivan counties, moving to the last named county in 1864. In 1887 he went to Nebraska and returned about 1890. When he first came to Sullivan county, he settled in Cass township and raised one crop, and then moved to Sullivan, where he engaged in business. He and his wife were members of the old style Baptist church and exemplary Christians. Their children were as follows: William Jasper, residing in Sheridan, Nebraska; Rachael Ann, deceased; Charles Milton, residing in Grant county; George W., resides at Sullivan; James S.; Esom R., of this review; Lucinda L., wife of William Lucas; Richard E., of Sullivan; Mary, deceased; John W., deceased. The mother of these children died in 1865. For his second wife, Mr. Leach married Mrs. Sallie Martin. The children born of the second marriage were as follows: Levy, Emily, Jesse, John, Bessie, Oliver, Daisy, and Marten.

E. R. Leach, of this biography, was only nine years of age when he came to Sullivan county. Here he obtained his common-school education and clerked for his father while yet in his teens. When he had reached his twenty-first year, with two brothers, J. S. and G. W., he engaged in the livery business in Sullivan, continuing about two years. He then returned to the farm, which he conducted about three years. His next business was that of the grain, stock and implement business, which he carried on under the firm name of E. & E. R. Leach, operating this until 1886, when he went west, remaining in Nebraska until 1896 and being engaged in farming in that state. Upon his return to the east, he was employed as a clerk for G. W. Borders, being appointed, in the fall of 1897, superintendent of the county asylum, which position he resigned after four years' faithful service. He was then appointed superintendent of the Orphans' Home, at Greencastle. He remained there four years, when he resigned and moved back to Sullivan. In April, 1907, he purchased the business of the firm of Whitman & Asdel, who operated in grain and feed. This business was run by Mr. Leach and his nephew, Clell Leach, until September, 1907, when G. F. Botts bought an interest in the business.

Mr. Leach was married March 12, 1889, to Mary J. Turman, who was born in Turman township, Sullivan county, a daughter of Charles and Nancy E. (Johnson) Turman, both of whom were natives of Sullivan county. Charles Turman is dead, but his wife resides at Graysville, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Leach are the parents of two children: Glenn

Emma, born January 21, 1890, single, and a graduate of the Sullivan High School with the class of 1908; Ruth Hazel, born November 28, 1893. Mrs. Leach is a consistent member of the Christian church. Politically, Mr. Leach affiliates with the Democratic party.

WALTER F. WOOD, the present prosecuting attorney for Sullivan county, was born June 27, 1878, at Pleasantville, Indiana, son of Jesse A. and Elizabeth (Jones) Wood. The father was born in Greene county, Indiana, January 8, 1845, and now resides in Sullivan. The mother was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, October 20, 1851, and is still living. Mr. Wood's paternal grandfather, Lacy Wood, was a native of Tennessee, and was born in 1808, dying in 1875, at Pleasantville, Indiana. About 1835, he came to Indiana, settling in Greene county, but moved to near Pleasantville in 1846. He was of English and Irish extraction. Grandfather Jones was of Dutch lineage, but born in Pennsylvania, going to Louisiana in the forties. He was killed while serving in the Confederate army.

Jesse A. Wood (father) has always followed agricultural pursuits, in which he has been materially prospered. Politically he is a staunch defender of Republican ideas. He served in the Civil war, from 1864 to 1865—from April to April inclusive—as a private soldier. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

Walter F. Wood was reared in the free and independent atmosphere of the farm, and attended the district schools, remaining at home until about nineteen years of age. He had the desire to become a lawyer, and read law at home a year, and then entered the office of Chaney & McNabb, with whom he read more completely. Subsequently he was a student in the offices of Buff & Stratton, and also with C. D. Hunt. When twenty-one years of age, he was admitted to the bar, and when twenty-three opened at office for the practice of his profession, which he is still occupying, having practiced alone, with the exception of one year, when he was associated with William B. Edmonds. Politically, he is a progressive Republican, and was elected by this party, in November, 1906, as prosecuting attorney, receiving a majority of 362 votes, and taking the office January 1, 1907, for the term of two years.

Mr. Wood is a member of the Odd Fellows Order and the Modern Woodmen of America. January 26, 1905, he was married to Miss Agnes McGuire, daughter of Rev. U. M. McGuire, who is now pastor of the Baptist church at Washington, Indiana. Mrs. Wood was born January 8, 1882, and graduated from the high school with the class of 1902. By this union two daughters were born to bless the home: Elizabeth and Margaret.

PAUL LYON REID, the enterprising grocer and breeder of fine blooded Shetland ponies, residing at Sullivan, Indiana, was born January 28, 1873, in Sullivan county, Indiana, and is the son of James Thomas and Susan

(Lyon) Reid. The father was born in this county, and died about 1900, while the mother was a native of Owen county, Indiana, and now resides at Sullivan. The father was a miller and merchant, operating the Sullivan Roller Mills for a number of years, and he was also a grocer. He served in the Eighty-fifth Indiana regiment during the Civil war period for the term of three years. Politically, he was a firm defender of Republican principles in party politics. He belonged to the Masonic order, being a member of the blue lodge, F. & A. M. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Five children were born to them, as follows: William, deceased; Mande, wife of H. K. Ross, of Sullivan; Paul Lyon, of this memoir; Lola, widow of C. D. Taylor, residing in Sullivan; Ruth, deceased.

Paul L. Reid attended DePauw University, at Greencastle, Indiana, for two years, after which he returned home and was employed by the Electric Light Company (of which his father was at that time superintendent) for five years. He was associated with his father in the milling and grocery business up to 1900, when he engaged in the grocery trade on his own account, continuing until the present time. He carries a full line of staple and fancy groceries and has an excellent trade, both within and without the city. Politically, like his father, he is a Republican. He is a Mason, being a member of both the blue lodge and chapter at Sullivan; he is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

June 29, 1894, he was united in marriage to Josephine Ensminger, born in Sullivan county, Indiana, October 12, 1874, daughter of Joseph and Jennie (Benefield) Ensminger. Mrs. Reid was educated at the public schools of her native county. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reid: Mildred, born February 21, 1896; James T., born May 8, 1897; Ruth, born September 5, 1899.

Besides the busy cares of his grocery business, Mr. Reid conducts another industry—a Shetland pony farm. He carries in stock all the time from thirty to forty head of fine Shetland ponies. His pony farm contains one hundred and thirty-four acres and is known as the "Walnut Grove Shetland Farm." He owns one exceptionally beautiful as well as valuable sire of a spotted color. The animals from this farm are shipped to every part of the country. This unique and profitable business has been carried on by Mr. Reid for six years and more.

WINFIELD SCOTT WOLFE, who is numbered among the enterprising retail merchants of Sullivan, and the proprietor of one of the hardware stores of the city, was born February 6, 1880, in Sullivan county, Indiana, on a farm, and is the son of John W. and Mary O. (Sproatt) Wolfe. The father is also a native of Sullivan county, born there January 16, 1848. The mother, a native of Knox county, together with her husband, is now leading a quiet and somewhat retired life at Sullivan. The father was a farmer in Sullivan county up to 1881, when he went to the town of Sullivan and there engaged in the clothing trade, continuing until

May, 1906, when he sold to Glidden & Douthitt, the style of the firm at that time being J. W. Wolfe & Son. Since then, he has led a retired life. Politically, he is a Democrat. In his religious faith, both he and his wife are of the Christian church. He belongs to the Odd Fellows order and is ever alive to the best interests of his community.

The son, Winfield S., of this notice, was reared in Sullivan. He was graduated from the Sullivan high school with the class of 1900, and then entered into business with his father, having put in his spare hours at the store before this time. He continued with the business until his father sold in 1906, when Winfield S., with Charles Riggs, purchased a hardware stock, which they dealt in until 1907, when he bought out his partner, and now conducts the store alone. He carries a full and complete line of shelf and heavy hardware, with stoves and buggies, together with a few farm implements.

In his political views he is a Democrat and holds that the doctrine of that party best suits the masses of American citizens. He is connected with the Odd Fellows and Elks orders. Mr. Wolfe was married, in 1901, to Roxa Willard, who was born in Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, and died March 17, 1907. She was educated in this county and was the daughter of Rufus O. and Mary (Owens) Willard. Her parents are now residing in Gill township. She left one son and one daughter: Willard W. and Mildred Louise. Mr. Wolfe is a member of the Christian church, as was his wife in her lifetime.

Mr. Wolfe's sisters are Teresa, born August 9, 1883, is unmarried, and at home; she was graduated with the class of 1902, and attended the Conservatory of Music, taking both the vocal and instrumental courses; Edna, born August 3, 1886, is a graduate of the high school of Sullivan, with the class of 1905; is unmarried and at home.

WALTER GIBSON SCOTT, hardware dealer of Sullivan, a son of Thomas Leeman and Nancy M. (Cotterell) Scott, was born May 30, 1868, at New Hope, Ohio. The father was a native of Cincinnati and of Scotch descent. The mother was also born in Ohio, and they came to Indiana in the early seventies, locating at a point in Morgan county, where the father died. Thomas Leeman Scott, was a practicing physician and surgeon. He graduated at Cincinnati, Ohio, at one of the medical colleges. Politically, Dr. Scott was an uncompromising Republican, and served in the Civil war as a lieutenant. He belonged to the order of Knights of Honor. He had three children: Walter G., of this memoir; John Thomas, residing in Indianapolis, where he is practicing medicine; Albert David, residing in Sullivan county.

Mr. Scott received his education in Indiana and at the age of twelve years set out in the conflict of life for himself by working on a farm. When eighteen years of age he commenced to farm for himself, continuing two seasons in Ohio, and then came to Elnora, Indiana, where he learned the art, or profession, of telegraphy, operating for the Evansville

& Terre Haute Railroad Company for the next nine years. He then returned to farm life for two years, coming to Sullivan in 1904. Here he embarked in the hardware business, coupling with it house furnishing goods, wagons, buggies and pipe-fittings. He is in company with his brother, A. D. Scott. They also conduct a sale stable, catering to the local trade and the coal mines. Mr. Scott is president of the Business Men's Association of Sullivan; he belongs to the Knights of Pythias order, and has advanced in Masonry to the thirty-second degree. In politics, he is a Republican. He was united in marriage, in 1905, to Nettie Bond, born in Worden, Illinois. One child has come to bless and brighten their home—Myrle Wyatt Scott, born April 12, 1906. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JAMES M. SINCLAIR, one of the proprietors of the popular "Index Store" of Sullivan, is a native of Sullivan county, Indiana, born December 31, 1871, in Hamilton township. He is the son of Samuel and Sarah (Willis) Sinclair, the former born in Indiana, and the latter in Kentucky, February 29, 1832. The mother is still living with her son, James M. The father died about 1881. Politically, he was a staunch Democrat, and both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Eight children blessed their marriage union, as follows: William M., residing at Coffeetown, Kansas; Mary A., wife of Andy Mason, of Sullivan; Thomas H., of Sullivan; Elizabeth, wife of Malon Gustin, of Sullivan; Edward, residing in Hamilton township; Eliza, wife of Reason Lovelace, residing at Duggar; Flora; James M., of this notice.

Reared midst the scenes and labors coincident to the farmer's life, James M. Sinclair remained at home until about twenty years, when he went to Sullivan and commenced clerking for a Mr. Boyd, who conducted the first Racket store established in the place. After working there two years, he was employed at other places up to 1898, at which date he established a business for himself. At first, he began with a stock of goods in what was known as the Racket store, having an endless variety of small, cheap articles. In the course of time, as his trade demanded it, he added more goods, until he now heads the firm of Sinclair & Co., which firm deals in a wholesale and retail way in furniture, stoves, tinware, queensware, glassware and five and ten cent counter articles—the latter being their specialty. This store is situated in the Odd Fellows building at Sullivan. By strict attention to duty, a large and prosperous business has grown up and the trade which at first was on a small scale has become one of goodly proportions. In his political views, Mr. Sinclair is a Democrat. In 1898 he served as clerk and treasurer of the town of Sullivan. He is identified with the Odd Fellows order, including the Encampment degree. Himself and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which body he is one of the trustees.

January 8, 1896, Mr. Sinclair was married to Fannie E. Orndorff, born in Knox county, Indiana, April 10, 1879, daughter of Wallace and

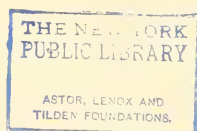
Laura (Knotts) Orndorff. The father died in Knox county when Mrs. Sinclair was in her infancy. Her mother later married her first husband's brother, Andrew J. Sinclair, and they now reside south of Sullivan, in Hamilton township. Mrs. Sinclair received her education in Sullivan county. The children born of her marriage to Mr. Sinclair are: Frances L., born August 10, 1897, and Zola L., born April 14, 1900.

JAMES FRANK ALUMBAUGH.—The vice president of the First National Bank of Carlisle, Indiana, and a man prominent in the business circles of his town and county, is James F. Alumbaugh, who was born September 10, 1857, in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, a son of Tilford and Paulina J. (Gobin) Alumbaugh. The father, who was of German descent, always followed farming in Haddon township, until about 1890, when he retired to Carlisle. He was a highly successful farmer and stock-raiser, at one time owning three hundred acres of most excellent Indiana land. Tilford Alumbaugh was born April 1, 1834, in Gill township, Sullivan county, and died March 22, 1900, aged sixty-five years, eleven months and twenty-one days. He was one of seven brothers, two perhaps being younger than he, but he was the last to pass away. The death of both parents within a short time of each other left him an orphan about the age of five years. He lived with his uncle, Morris Roberts, until eleven years old and was then bound out to Milner E. Nash, who died in February, shortly before young Alumbaugh was twenty-one. He remained with the widow during the following summer. In the autumn of 1855 Mr. Alumbaugh went to James M. Gobin's place. This was a turning point in his life, for about one year afterward, on September 11, 1856, he was married to Paulina J. Gobin, daughter of James M. To this union were born three children: Libbie G., James F. and William H., the last named dying in infancy. This left only a brother and a sister. The daughter was the late sister Cauble, of precious memory. The son, James F., one of the leading business men of Carlisle, is the only one now surviving. Uncle "Tip," as Tilford Alumbaugh was called, commenced life with nothing, but by industry and integrity, by economy and good management, he long since secured a competency for himself and his family. He loved his family and served them by self-sacrifice. He obeyed the gospel and became a member of the Providence Christian church in the early sixties. He and his wife were baptized at the same time by Uncle Joe Wolfe, who had also issued their marriage license and solemnized their marriage. Tilford Alumbaugh was a charter member of the Carlisle Christian church, which met first in the old Seminary, then in a rented hall, and finally in the house now occupied by the church. In the building of this house, in 1866, he took a leading part, being a member of the building committee, and contributing largely both of time and money. For many years he served the congregation as elder. In church work, as in everything, he was candid, energetic and decisive. In his death the family lost an exemplary father and husband, the church



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one of its most valued members, and the community a benefactor. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." A large audience attended the funeral, which took place in the Christian church, Sunday, March 25, at 10:00 A. M., interment being at Engle cemetery. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. A. Cox.

The mother of James F. Alumbaugh was also a native of Haddon township, born near Carlisle, Indiana, January 5, 1826, the daughter of James M. and Levey (Booker) Gobin. James M. Gobin was born in Kentucky and his wife in Indiana, and both died in Haddon township, Sullivan county. He was a farmer and also a stock-raiser. In the early sixties Mrs. Alumbaugh became a Christian, uniting with the Providence Christian church, near Paxton, and with her husband she was a charter member of the Christian church at Carlisle. Through all the early struggles and successes of this church, she helped to carry the burdens and rejoice in the victories, and in her last moments the church was her chief source of care. No excuse for absence from the services of the church was satisfactory to her except sickness. She was ready to give of her means as well as her time and personal services toward the support of the teaching of the gospel. Her home was the home of the preacher as long as she was physically able to take care of the house. For months she had not been in vigorous health and for some weeks was quite feeble, but would not give her consent to leave her own home until stricken with paralysis, January 13, when she was removed to the home of her son, James Frank, where she died January 30, 1903. Retiring and modest almost to timidity, she was not a talking Christian but a working Christian. The early years of her married life, when she began with little, as well as in the later years of financial success, she was a true helpmate to her husband, by whose side she stood for more than forty-three years, was a true mother, a good neighbor, a faithful friend and an earnest though quiet Christian.

James F. Alumbaugh was reared to farm labor, receiving his education in the district schools. He engaged in the livery business when twenty-three years old, locating at Carlisle for one year, where he operated the business until he sold it, to engage in the hardware trade, in company with J. N. Roberts, under the firm name of Roberts & Alumbaugh. They also conducted a lumber and grain business at the depot and carried a large stock of farm implements and vehicles. This co-partnership existed until January 1, 1905, when it was dissolved by mutual consent. The hardware business is now conducted by Mr. Alumbaugh's son, under the name of J. F. Alumbaugh & Co. Since January 1, 1905, when Mr. Alumbaugh retired from the hardware business, he has superintended his farm in Haddon township, a two hundred acre tract known as the old Alumbaugh homestead. He is also president of the Carlisle Construction Company, formed for the purpose of constructing gravel and stone walks and roads, and is vice president and one of the original organizers of the First National Bank of Carlisle, a solid financial insti-

tution. Like his father, James F. Alumbaugh affiliates with the Democratic party. He is a member of the county council and served two terms on the town council. He takes much interest in educational matters, having served nine years on the Carlisle school board with much credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the district. He belongs to Carlisle Lodge, No. 3, F. & A. M., standing high in the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. Alumbaugh was married June 11, 1884, to Nora May Markee, who was born in Carlisle June 11, 1866, daughter of Isaac Newton and Mary Ann (Ferree) Markee. (See sketch of the Ferree family, elsewhere in this work, with sketch of Edley W. Rogers.) Isaac Newton Markee was born in Tippecanoe, Harrison county, Ohio, February 7, 1832. He was married May 29, 1856, to Mary Ann Ferree Pirtle, of Carlisle, Indiana, by Capt. Wilbur Van Fossen. To this union were born five children: William Allen, Sarah Ellen, Nora D., Maud Winifred and a daughter who died in infancy. Mr. Markee was a shoemaker by trade and a man of good business tact and had the confidence of all who knew him. His father, James Markee, was born in 1795 and is buried in the town cemetery of Robinson, Illinois. The mother, Rhoda Johnson Nevitt, was born in Ohio in January, 1801. Isaac Newton Markee died in Carlisle, Indiana, September 6, 1883, of paralysis of the bowels, having been an invalid for many years. Mrs. Alumbaugh was educated at Carlisle, Indiana, and taught school for a season. One son was born to Mr. Alumbaugh and wife, Harry Tilford, born March 21, 1885. He was educated at Carlisle and at the naval academy at Culver, Indiana, and the Illinois University, after which he returned home. He married Abbie Ross Harris, a native of Richmond, Indiana, where she was reared and educated, and they have two sons: James Winston and Harris Tilford. Mr. and Mrs. James F. Alumbaugh are members of the Christian church. Mrs. Alumbaugh is especially interested in church work, having served eight years as president of the C. W. B. M., three years as junior superintendent of the C. E., a teacher in the Sunday school for twenty-five years, and has always taken an active part in all public charities. At present she is vice president of the National Benevolent Association for Homeless Children, and has done much good for that cause. She is much beloved by children and appreciates greatly the friendship of a child.

The following obituary is taken from the Carlisle (Indiana) *News* of February 28, 1907:

IN MEMORIAM.

Mary Ann (Ferree) Markee was the daughter of Philip Copeland Ferree and Margaret (Trimble) Ferree. She was born near Paxton, Indiana, at the home of her grandparents, Joel Ferree and Mary (Leeth) Ferree, who were pioneer settlers of this township. The Ferrees are of French Huguenot ancestry, and she bore the name of her great-great-grandmother, Madame Mary Ferree, who, with her children, fled

from France after the edict of Nantes, came to America with William Penn and founded the first Huguenot colony in Pennsylvania in 1708.

The greater part of Mrs. Markee's life was spent in this community. She received such education as the times afforded, which was meager. At the age of seven she was motherless, and e'er she was sixteen she was bereft of stepmother, father and grandparents. As the eldest of the little flock she bravely took the mother's place until she was incapacitated by illness, when the care of the little brothers was assumed by an uncle and she and her only sister, Sarah Ellen, found homes with maternal relatives.

At the age of twenty she was married to William Linder Pirtle, son of Jacob and Lydia Pirtle, a young man of sterling qualities. He was a tanner, in partnership with Isaac Shannon, the home and tanyard occupying a block on Harrison street. In 1852, she united with the Methodist church. She and her husband were immersed in Busseron creek, near Ledgerwood's Mill, by Rev. J. W. Julian. Her marriage was a happy one, but the young husband contracted quick consumption from overwork and exposure, and in August, 1853, she was left a widow with a young child, Margaret Olly (Mrs. Walstine Rogers), who survives her, the other daughter, Laura Jane, having died in infancy.

The widow was married, May 29, 1856, to Isaac Newton Markee, son of James M. and Rhoda Markee, of Palestine, Illinois. The ceremony was performed at her home by Squire Van Fossen, and the fiftieth anniversary of the event was quietly celebrated in Chicago last May. Of this union five children were born, four of whom survive her: William Allen Markee, of Chicago; Sarah Ellen (Mrs. Frank Buckley), of Monett, Missouri; Nora May (Mrs. Frank Alumbaugh), of Carlisle, Indiana; Maud Winifred (Mrs. George R. Miles), of Chicago. The second child, a daughter, died in infancy.

Mr. Markee's health failed, and while the children were yet young she bravely became the bread-winner of the family and performed both father and mother's part in caring for and educating her children. She faithfully ministered to her invalid husband until his death, September 6, 1883. At this time all her children were married and well launched in the world, except the youngest, and to better her condition she decided to leave her native state. The inherited pioneer spirit of her ancestors asserted itself and she turned her face westward to what seemed to her the Land of Promise—Antelope Valley, in northwest Nebraska. A colony under the leadership of Rev. J. A. Scamahorn, of Sullivan, was organized in 1884. About sixty or seventy-five families from Sullivan and Carlisle made up the party. Those from Carlisle were Mrs. Markee and daughter, Maud, Dr. W. A. Lisman, Samuel and Albert Helms, Jacob Milam, Alonzo, John, Joseph and Oscar Estabrook and Charles Speake. They went a hundred miles beyond Valentine, the terminus of the railroad, and settled on government land in the valley of the Antelope, in what is now Sheridan county, Nebraska. Mrs. Markee was then past fifty-four years of age and was companioned only by her young daughter. For thirteen years she lived there, enduring all the hardships incident to

pioneer life. Everything was in the experimental stage, failure after failure rewarding their efforts. The severe winter, lack of rainfall and failure of crops all tended to discourage the little band of settlers. Strong men faltered, weak ones turned back, but Mrs. Markee bravely plodded on, firm in her confidence in the final success of the venture.

The years sped apace; success seemed within her grasp—the years of toil were bearing fruit—when suddenly the realization came that old age was upon her. She turned over the management of her affairs to her youngest daughter and finally yielded to the desires of her elder children to leave the scene of her struggles and returned to the land of her birth to spend the evening of her life with her children and grandchildren. Her industry, her public spirit, her high ideals, have made a lasting impression on the community which she helped to found. Her name is a synonym of courage, and there are many friends there who will mourn the passing of her brave spirit. Her life here since her return has been very happy. She has divided her time between her four daughters and has watched the development of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren with satisfaction.

To look back over seventy-six years of useful life, to realize that no duty has been left undone, to sleep every night with a clear conscience, to feel that in all the walks of life she has acquitted herself nobly and well, to see her children grow up and fill honorable places in the world, to bear with patience the affliction which came upon her when paralysis robbed her of her activity, to be tenderly ministered unto during the year of her helplessness by her devoted children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren, to enjoy at intervals the relatives and friends who came with words of cheer, to have a heart full of gratitude and thankfulness and to preserve an abiding faith in an All Wise Creator—this has been her portion; this has constituted the glow which pervaded her sick-room. Her life went out like the passing of a perfect day, in a glorious sunset.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed," and in all this world of shadows they see no shadow of a final parting from her. Three of her daughters were at her bedside when the end came. The simple funeral service was conducted at her home Wednesday afternoon by Brother and Sister Edwards, the details having been arranged in accordance with her wishes. The body was borne to its last resting place in the Carlisle cemetery by members of her own family.

CHARLES FRANCIS BATEY, of the firm of Reed & Batey, druggists, and one of the well-known and enterprising merchants doing business at Sullivan, is a native of Kansas, born September 24, 1874, in Marshall county of that state. He is the son of William Henry and Alice (Francis) Batey. The senior Batey was a native of Ohio, born February, 1850, and died in 1900, in Sullivan county, Indiana. The mother of Charles F. was born in Kansas, and died in 1876, after which sad event the father

married Mary E. Stuckey, a native of Illinois, and who now resides at Terre Haute. One child was born to each union—Charles F., by the first, and Thomas Lloyd, by the second. Thomas Lloyd was born in 1888, in Crawford county, Illinois, and now resides with his mother at Terre Haute.

Charles Francis Batey was reared by his father and continued to remain at home until he was eighteen years of age, after which time he was variously engaged in the western part of Sullivan county for about two years. When about twenty years old, he went to Sullivan. This was in 1894 and then he commenced clerking for Joseph S. Reed in the drug business. He remained with him until 1898, then went to Terre Haute with the Burton Drug Company, for whom he traveled about one year in southern Indiana. But not thinking the position on the road to his liking, he opened a drug store for Mr. Coffman, in Sullivan, but after a short time left that enterprise and went back with J. S. Reed and remained with him until September, 1902, when he bought a half interest of the Reed stock, since which time the firm has been known as Reed & Batey. They handle large quantities of drugs, wall paper, paints, all kinds of musical instruments, sewing machines and general supplies.

Mr. Batey is a half owner of the Globe Theatre at Sullivan, which he opened himself in May, 1907, but in the following August took Francis H. Abell in as his partner, the latter being the manager of it. In his political choice, Mr. Batey is a Republican. Fraternally, he is associated with the Odd Fellows, Elks and Modern Woodmen of America orders, having reached the Encampment degree of the first named lodge, while he is a trustee of the last two.

In the month of August, 1898, he was married to Louise Burton, daughter of Thomas and Emily (Brewer) Burton. Mrs. Batey's mother is still living, and both were natives of Sullivan county, Indiana. Mrs. Batey was born April, 1874, and graduated from the high school of Sullivan. To Mr. and Mrs. Batey one daughter has been born: Emily Pauline, born in May, 1899. The parents are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

LAFAYETTE A. STEWART, D. D. S., dental surgeon, practicing in Sullivan, Indiana, is a native of Sullivan county, born June 12, 1864, son of Lafayette and Emily (Peters) Stewart. The father was born in Indiana and died in Sullivan county in 1884. He was descended from that most sturdy and excellent people, the Scotch-Irish. The mother was born in Sullivan county and died in 1888. Lafayette Stewart was a general merchant doing business at Grayville and Sullivan, Indiana, up to within twenty years of his death, when he engaged in the insurance and real estate business in Sullivan. In politics, he was a supporter of the chief principles of the Democratic party; was trustee of Hamilton township, and took much interest in public matters. He was a member of the pioneer Masonic lodge at Sullivan, being a charter member, and its first master. He was also advanced to membership in the chapter of that

fraternity. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, of which he served as an elder for a number of years. Eight children blessed this union: Isaac P., deceased; Joseph L., residing in New York City; two who died in infancy; Charles M., deceased; Florence B., wife of R. C. Barnes, residing at Long Beach, California; Lafayette A.; Ralph W., residing at Danville, Illinois, a practicing dentist.

Lafayette A. Stewart was graduated from the high school of Sullivan with the class of 1883, after which he entered the Indiana Dental College, at Indianapolis, from which institution he was graduated in 1888. In the meantime, he worked with his brother Charles in the insurance business. After his graduation, he commenced the practice of dentistry in Sullivan, where he is still located, and enjoying a lucrative practice.

In his political views, Dr. Stewart is a defender of pure Democracy and votes the Democratic ticket. In his fraternal relations, he is numbered among the brothers of the blue lodge, chapter and council of the Masonic order; he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows—subordinate and encampment degrees.

The doctor was united in marriage, August 14, 1890, to Mattie Crowder, born in Sullivan, November 6, 1866, a daughter of Dr. R. H. Crowder. Mrs. Stewart was educated in the Sullivan schools. Both the doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he has served as a trustee of the church for several years. Two children were born to Dr. Stewart and wife: Lois, born November 3, 1892; she is now attending high school; Lafayette, born March 27, 1903.

FRANK J. NICHOLAS, an enterprising and skillful contractor and builder of Sullivan, is a native of Morgan county, Indiana, born March 3, 1878, a son of James F. and Rhoda (Long) Nicholas, who were born in Morgan county, Indiana. The father is a brick mason and contractor, who went to Sullivan in 1890, and has resided there ever since. He is a Republican in his political views, and was a soldier in the Civil war, being a member of the fifteenth and drum corps. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

When Frank J. was about three years old, his parents moved to Brazil, Indiana, where he attended school. At the age of fifteen years he commenced to work for himself, learning the bricklayer's trade and working at it in Brazil for five years, during which time he studied at home. He had taken up the study of architecture and when he had reached twenty years of age, began contracting on his own account. His first building contract was the Davis, Carpenter & Hoskins building, a business block and business college structure, of which Mr. Nicholas was the contractor on the mason work. He remained there until 1900, then went to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he superintended the erection of three large veneered brick residences, he doing the architectural work on the same. In the autumn of 1900, he came to Sullivan, where he has resided ever since and been engaged in the architecture and building

business, doing contract work. Among the structures planned by him may be named in this connection the Citizen's Trust & Loan Company's building, the largest building in Sullivan county. It is located on the corner of Jackson and Main streets and is seventy-five by one hundred and thirty feet on the ground and fifty-five feet high—three stories. He also built the Carnegie Library, which was erected in 1904, at a cost of \$10,000. Mr. Nicholas' father had the contract for doing the mason work on the Davis Hotel and superintended the building of the Methodist Episcopal church at Sullivan. Besides the buildings named, Frank J. Nicholas had the contract for building the Jackson Street High School building, in Sullivan, and also the Leach block, on West Washington street. Among the late and beautiful residences within the town, he has had the majority of the building contracts, including the preparation of the plans and specifications. In the Giles Addition to Sullivan, he planned and contracted for all of the buildings except one, and built the Bay's block on North Court street. At this writing, he drew the plans for the new Presbyterian church, erected in 1908. He is one of the stockholders of the new opera house being erected, and made the plans for the building, which is known as the "Colonnade." Politically, Mr. Nicholas is a firm supporter of the principles laid down by the Republican party. He is identified with the Masons and Elks.

He was united in marriage, first in 1897, to Mary Underhill, who was born at Pleasantville, Sullivan county, Indiana, December 10, 1877, and who died April 22, 1906, leaving two children to mourn her death. The issue by this union was: Lois, deceased, William; Agnes; Mary Gertrude, deceased. For his second wife, Mr. Nicholas married, in November, 1907, Gertrude Underhill, a sister of his first wife, and who was born in the same locality in 1879. The first wife spent the last two years of her life in Colorado Springs. Both wives were members of the Baptist church, and members of the Rebekah lodge of the Odd Fellows order.

Beginning at the lower round of the ladder of life, Mr. Nicholas has steadily made his way upward, though at times against many difficulties. He has accumulated a handsome property, including two fine residences in Sullivan.

GEORGE RANDALL STIVERS, proprietor of the Interurban Restaurant of Sullivan, Indiana, was born in Meigs county, Ohio, July 19, 1856, a son of George and Elizabeth (Rice) Stivers. The mother was born in Alabama, in 1821, and died in 1883. The father was born in Oswego county, New York, in 1819, and was killed at the battle of Stone River, January 2, 1862, during the Civil war. He was a captain in the Eighteenth Ohio Volunteers. He owned a steamboat, was captain of the same, and plied the rivers from Pittsburg to Kentucky. He had this boat built at Madison, Indiana, and it was called "Leslie Combs." It was built for George R. Stivers by the Robinson Brothers. His maternal grandparents were residents of New Orleans, and at one time were quite wealthy. The paternal grandfather, George Randall Stivers, was born in Germany and

his wife, Mary Uriana, was born in the same country, and there they were united in marriage, coming to this country at a very early day. They were the parents of the following children: William, deceased; George, deceased; Uriana, a resident of Des Moines, Iowa; Catherine, of the same city, and both are unmarried; Charles, a resident of Frankfort, Kentucky. George Stivers, the father of George Randall, was a Republican in politics and belonged to the Masonic fraternity. In church relations he was a member of the Baptist church, as was also his wife, until after his death, when she united with the Methodist Episcopal church. There were five children born to Mr. and Mrs. George Stivers: Harriet, deceased; Oliver Rice, resides in Columbus, Ohio, and is a commercial salesman; Serena, deceased; Mary Uriana, deceased; George Randall, of this memoir.

Reared in Kentucky and Indiana, George Randall Stivers received the most of his schooling in Vevay, Indiana, and learned the printer's trade at that place. He was employed for three years on the *Vevay Revueille*, after which he worked for a time in Cincinnati, on the *Enquirer*. Leaving this trade, he commenced the butchering business at Edinburg, Indiana, where he continued for ten years. He then moved to Sullivan, Indiana, where he followed the same business for seventeen years. He sold this business and engaged in the restaurant business, moving to his present place in December, 1906. His place of business is at the corner of North Court and Beech streets, Sullivan. In addition to the regular restaurant trade, he carries a full line of tobacco, cigars, candies, etc.

In his political views, Mr. Stivers is a believer in the principles of the Republican party. For two years he was marshal of the town of Edinburg and served on the town board of Sullivan two years. He is interested in fraternal societies, belonging to the Odd Fellows, Elks, Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America. He was united in marriage, December 28, 1886, to Nanie Bowers, who was born in Parksville, Kentucky, August 30, 1856, and died February 16, 1905. She was educated at the high school of Edinburg, Johnson county, Indiana. There was no issue by this marriage. For his second wife, Mr. Stivers married, August 5, 1907, Nora Shepherd, who was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, May 12, 1880. The present wife is a member of the Presbyterian church, while the first wife was connected with the Christian denomination.

JOHN ERSINGER, a civil engineer of Sullivan, Indiana, was born September 3, 1860, in Canton Schaffhausen, Switzerland, a son of Michael and Anna (Myers) Ersinger, both natives also of that place, and both now deceased. They were farmers in Switzerland, and of an excellent family. The children born to Michael and Anna (Myers) Ersinger were as follows: Barbara; Michael; Christian; Leonard; George; Alexander; John; Anna, deceased. This family all live in Switzerland except John and his brother Leonard, who resides in northern Indiana.

Educated in Switzerland in a literary and civil engineering course,

John Ersinger, in 1880, came to the United States and located at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged at his profession for about four months, then went to Indiana and settled at Goodland, where his brother now resides, and here engaged in the railway service, being in the civil engineering department of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company. His first work was surveying the road from Brazil to Evansville. His next employment was in Minnesota, on an extension of the Duluth & Iron Range, from Tower to Ely. After one year's service there, he returned to Brazil, Indiana, from which place he surveyed a line to Evansville, for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois System. He then quit railroading and returned to Brazil and operated a coal mine for about three years, after which he engaged as an engineer in the construction of the gravel roads in Clay county, Indiana, at which he worked for about four years, and during which time he constructed most of the gravel roads in that county. May 1, 1898, he went to Sullivan, when the gravel roads were first started in that section of the state, and was there employed at such work for about two years. At the termination of this undertaking, he, with R. L. Bailey, surveyed for several interurban roads which have not as yet been constructed. In 1904, he entered into a contract to construct macadamized roads in Sullivan county, of which he has up to this time made nine miles of most excellent roads. He is still thus engaged and his skill is acknowledged to be superior to others employed in such contract work.

Politically, he is a Republican, and fully alive to all of that party's interests. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of blue lodge, chapter, council, commandery and Eastern Star. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a stockholder in the Hamilton Gas and Oil Company, of which he is also a director.

WILLIAM H. LUCAS, of the Sullivan Transfer Company, is a native of Turman township, Sullivan county, Indiana, born December 11, 1858, son of Barton R. and Sarah Elizabeth (Weir) Lucas. His father was born in Floyd county, Indiana, October, 1833, of Scotch-Irish descent. The mother was born in Turman township, in 1836, and died in 1872; she was of Irish extraction. The grandfather of William H. Lucas, James Weir, was a native of Ireland, and his wife, Margaret McKee, was born in the United States. James Weir always followed farming for his livelihood, and was among the pioneer settlers of Turman township. Barton R. Lucas, the paternal grandfather, was born in Scotland and came to this country, where he served in the war of 1812 against Great Britain. He also followed agricultural pursuits all of his life.

Barton R. Lucas, the father of William H., was a soldier in the Civil war, and after his return from that conflict engaged in farming, continuing until about 1870, when he retired to Sullivan, where he lived until 1902, and then removed to Bedford, Indiana, his present home. He was twice married, first to Sarah Elizabeth Weir, by whom the following chil-

dren were born: James B., deceased; William H., of this notice; John A., of Sullivan; Charles E., deceased; Sarah E., deceased; Estella, deceased. For his second wife, Mr. Lucas married Catherine Deckard, by whom he had one daughter—Cora, who is living at Bedford, Indiana.

William H. Lucas was practically reared in Sullivan county, as his father moved to this county when he was a mere boy. Here he was educated in the common schools in Sullivan. When but seventeen years of age, he enlisted, September 12, 1876, in the Seventh United States Cavalry, serving until September 12, 1881. He was stationed with the regiment in Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and the northwest. He was both a private and an orderly sergeant. After the termination of his army service, he turned his attention toward railroading, entering the employ of the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad, commencing as a brakeman in the passenger service. He was in this position about one year, when he was promoted to conductor on the same road. He ran from Evansville to Terre Haute, following the same until 1887, when he abandoned the road and engaged in the livery business, coupled with a transfer line, which is now styled the Sullivan Transfer Company. At present, his partner is James E. Russell. They have the largest barn in the town of Sullivan. They cater to the hotel service and also to passenger and mail interests.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Lucas is a staunch supporter of the Republican party; he has served two years on the town council and in January, 1908, was elected as chairman of the Republican county central committee. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias fraternities and also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is now serving as the president of the Sullivan County Trotting Association.

An important event in the career of Mr. Lucas was his marriage, October 1, 1882, to Lucinda C. Leach, who was born in Grant county, Indiana, April 23, 1857, a daughter of Edmond and Emily (Brewer) Leach, both natives of Indiana, and both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are the parents of one daughter—Glen, who was born July 26, 1883. She was educated at the high schools of Sullivan and then attended the Indianapolis Conservatory of Music for two years, taking both vocal and instrumental instructions. She was married, July 24, 1903, to Harold C. Bays, and they reside at Culver, Indiana. Mrs. Lucas is a member of the Christian church and much interested in the work of that denomination.

MANNING E. DRAKE, of the Sullivan Monument Company, workers in marble and stone for monumental purposes, was born October 19, 1854, in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, Indiana, a son of Manning and Margaret (Armstrong) Drake. The father was born in Butler county, Ohio, June 17, 1813, and the mother was a native of Kentucky; she died October 24, 1860. Manning Drake, Sr., was of English descent,

while his wife descended from the Scotch lines of Great Britain. The grandfather, James Drake, came to Sullivan county in 1817, locating in Fairbanks township, where he followed farm life until his death. He claimed a large tract of land and was highly respected and prosperous. Politically, he was an avowed Democrat.

Manning Drake, the father of Manning E., lived in Fairbanks township from the age of four years. He possessed a remarkable memory and his mind was clear and active up to the time of his death, which occurred June 6, 1908. At one time he owned about twelve hundred acres of land in Fairbanks township. He became forehanded and loaned much money out to those about him. In his political views he was a Democrat. Both he and his good wife were members of the Baptist church. To them were born twelve children: Elizabeth, deceased; Mary J.; Amanda; Malinda; James; Benjamin, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Ira; Manning E.; Margaret; William; and one who died in infancy.

Manning E. Drake was reared on the farm and obtained a good common-school education in the district schools of his neighborhood. When he became twenty-one years of age, he commenced to farm independently, in Curry township, Sullivan county. He continued there until April 12, 1898, when he removed to Sullivan and engaged in the livery business and in the shipment of horses of all kinds. In 1900, he sold out this business and embarked in the marble and monument business, under the firm name of Cummins & Drake. This co-partnership continued until 1906, when W. F. Wagner bought Mr. Cummins out, and the firm was changed to Drake & Wagner. This enterprising and thoroughly reliable firm sell the product of their works in Sullivan, Vigo, Parke, Greene, Clay, and other territory within Indiana and also in Illinois. It is among the most extensive works for fitting up monuments within this portion of the state of Indiana. Either one member or the other of this firm remains on the road selling, while the other superintends the work at home.

While Mr. Drake was yet on the farm, he made a reputation as a specialist in raising Poland-China swine, all registered. He shipped about one hundred and fifty head annually to all parts of the United States. He also handled registered Holstein cattle, though not on so extensive a scale as he did the hogs mentioned. He still owns land of much value—eighty acres within Curry township and two hundred and twenty acres one mile west of Sullivan. Politically, Mr. Drake affiliates with the Democrats. He is a member of the Odd Fellows order at Sullivan.

One of the important events of Mr. Drake's life was his marriage, May 4, 1878, to Elma Gaskins, who was born in Curry township, and died April 4, 1882. Two children were the result of this union: Perry, born March 14, 1879, married and resides on a farm; Olive, born August 3, 1881, is unmarried and at home. Both attended the schools in Sullivan. For his second wife, Mr. Drake married, March 1, 1883, Julia Denney, born in Curry township, Sullivan county, a daughter of William Denney, now of Sullivan. The date of her birth was July 29, 1863. Her mother died when the daughter was but a mere child. By Mr. Drake's second marriage, four children were born: LeRoy, born May 14, 1885, a grad-

uate of the Bennett Medical College in Chicago, with the class of 1906; he also attended one of the medical colleges at Indianapolis, and then began practicing medicine at Middletown, Vigo county, Indiana, but removed to Palatine, Illinois, in January, 1908; Goldie, born November 30, 1887, unmarried, a graduate of the high school in 1905; she is now attending Franklin College, from which she expects to graduate in 1909; Claudie, born in September, 1891, attending high school; Lola, born August 22, 1894, also in the high school. Mr. Drake and his family are members of the Baptist church.

JAMES DOUGLAS SMITH.—One of the owners of the Arc Amusement Company of Sullivan, Indiana, and the tonsorial artist whose finely equipped parlor is at the Davis House, is James D. Smith, who was born June 24, 1864, in Vigo county, Indiana, in Fayette township, son of James and Nancy (Posey) Smith. The father, a native of Sullivan county, was born in Jefferson township in 1832, in the month of November, and died in Oklahoma in May, 1906. The mother was born in the same township as her husband, and they were united in marriage in Sullivan county. The grandfather of James D. Smith was among the early settlers of Sullivan county, who took government land and resided there the remainder of his life.

James Smith, the father, made agriculture his occupation. He farmed in Vigo county one or two seasons, then moved back to Farmer's Prairie in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, where he purchased sixty acres of land. After residing there for nineteen years he sold out and moved to Shelburn, Indiana, where he lived a retired life for two years. He then moved to his farm in Curry township, where his wife died. He married Mrs. Thomas Chambers, of Cass township, Sullivan county, but subsequently they separated and he moved to Dugger, where he was engaged at various business enterprises for a time, but about 1902 he went to Oklahoma, bought a farm there and remained there until his death. Politically, he was a Democrat. Both he and his first wife were members of the Christian church. They were the parents of the following children: Homer, deceased; Marshal B., a barber of Hymera; Emma A., of Oklahoma; Charles, of Sullivan; James D., of this notice; William, of Washington, North Dakota; and two who died in their infancy.

James D. Smith was reared on the farm and obtained a common-school education. He remained at home with his father until twenty years of age, when he engaged in the barber business, learning his trade at Dugger, Indiana, after which he conducted a shop there himself for about ten years, and then went to Sullivan, and later to Linton, where he remained a year and a half, then returned to Sullivan, where he has since been engaged in the barber business. In September, 1898, he opened his shop in the New Davis hotel, where he makes use of four barber chairs and conducts a first-class shop. He is also a half owner in the Arc Amuse-

ment Company, which is located on North Court street, opposite the Davis Hotel.

In his political views, Mr. Smith is in accord with the Democratic party. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias orders at Sullivan. He was married May 18, 1889, to Lavina Campbell, born in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, Indiana, October 22, 1872, a daughter of Thomas M. and Jane (Spence) Campbell. She received her education in her native township at the public schools. One daughter has been born of this union: Dorothy, born May 10, 1900. Mr. Smith is a member of the Christian church, while his wife is connected with the Presbyterian. Mr. Smith's paternal grandfather was twice married and was the father of twenty-one children.

WILLIAM F. WAGNER, one of the proprietors of the Sullivan Monument Company, was born August 4, 1864, in Terre Haute, Indiana, a son of William and Catherine (Emerick) Wagner. William Wagner was a native of Wittenburg, Germany, born August 13, 1826, and died May 29, 1900, at Clinton, Indiana, his home, however, being in Terre Haute. The mother was born in Trenton, New Jersey, in 1837, on the twentieth day of November, and she died March 20, 1906, in Los Angeles, California. Her husband located in Terre Haute in October, 1852, when yet a single man, and they were married there in January, 1863. He had learned the stone-cutter's trade in Germany, and also worked some at the stone monument industry. After going to Terre Haute, he built the State Normal College buildings at that place, as well as the Marble Block on Wabash avenue, the Old Opera house, the Episcopal church and the Presbyterian church. The stone used in the construction of the two last named buildings was quarried at Pottsville, Indiana, and floated down on rafts. He also built a great many store buildings at Paris, Illinois, and Brazil and Vincennes, Indiana. He engaged in the monument business at Terre Haute in 1854, on Third street, under the firm name of Wagner, Crossley & Webber, which firm continued for about ten years. Mr. Wagner then engaged in the building stone business, in which he remained until 1875, when he formed a partnership with F. B. Palmer, under the firm name of Palmer & Wagner, which business relation existed for seven years, when the name of the firm was changed to Wagner & Ripley. They continued as a firm for five years, when the business was conducted as Wagner & Son, and so operated until the father's death.

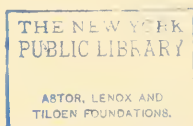
Politically, Mr. Wagner was a supporter of the Democratic party. He belonged to the Odd Fellows and Ancient Order of United Workmen lodges. His wife was a member of the Roman Catholic church and was of German descent. Eleven children were born of this union, four of whom died in infancy, and the others were: William F. and George W. (twins), George W. being now deceased; Lewis F., residing at Newman,

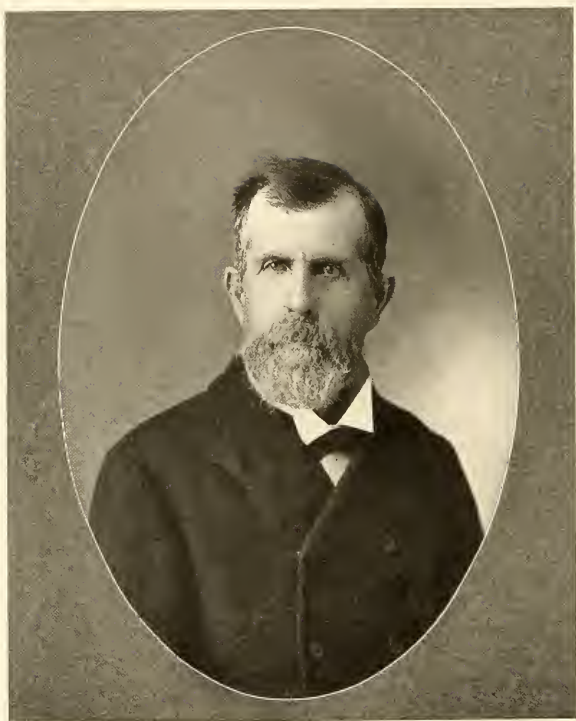
Illinois; Edward, deceased; Catherine, deceased; Josephine, residing at Los Angeles, California; Mamie B., of Los Angeles, wife of Arthur W. Harris, has three daughters.

William F. Wagner was reared in the city of Terre Haute, receiving his education at the public schools and being graduated from the Old Garvin Commercial College in 1882. Believing that every man was more independent by having perfect knowledge of some one of the trades, he mastered that of stone-cutter, under his father's directions, working with him until his death, in 1900, since which time Mr. Wagner was engaged at Clay City, Clay county, Indiana, up to 1905 and in Sullivan since then. During 1905 he entered into a partnership with M. E. Drake, under the firm name of Drake & Wagner, but now styled the Sullivan Monument Company, which concern is doing an extensive and profitable business in the artistic production of substantial monuments and kindred marble and stone work.

In his political views, Mr. Wagner is a firm believer in the general principles laid down in the platforms of the Democratic party. In his fraternal affiliations, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of America and the Tribe of Ben Hur of Sullivan. He was united in marriage, March 6, 1884, to Nora E. Bressler, a native of Clay county, Indiana. She was reared on a farm and received her education at the common schools, remaining at home with her people until the date of her marriage. She is the daughter of Daniel H. and Matilda (Zenor) Bressler. The father was born in Pennsylvania, and his father conducted one of the old-time stage route hotels or taverns in that state. Mrs. Wagner's mother was born in Clay county, Indiana, and both parents are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner are the parents of one daughter—Jessie May, born December 19, 1886. In their religious convictions, both Mr. and Mrs. Wagner are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

LEANDER R. BOTTS, a retired farmer of Sullivan county, was born June 30, 1837, in Coshocton county, Ohio, son of John and Nancy (Morris) Botts. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1796 and died in 1847, in Hocking county, Ohio. The mother was born in Maryland in 1798 and died July 1, 1859, in Sullivan county. She was of French extraction and the father of German. He was a farmer and they were married in Ohio. Leander R. Botts received a limited education in Hocking county, Ohio, and started out in life for himself at the age of eighteen years, working as a farm hand, and when twenty-two years old he began farming for himself. He also taught school, continuing in this calling until thirty years of age, farming summers and teaching in the winter months. In 1859 he came to Hamilton township, Sullivan county, Indiana. He followed teaching in Hamilton, Jackson, Fairbanks and Curry townships. He next took up the business of stock dealer, in conjunction with his farming operations, following the same ten years. He once owned





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a hundred and fifty acres in Hamilton township. He remained on the farm until 1904, when he retired to Sullivan, where he purchased a city residence property. He still owns eighteen acres in his home township. Politically, Mr. Botts votes the Democratic ticket. He is a member of blue lodge of the Masonic fraternity at Sullivan.

March 1, 1860, he was married to Elizabeth Rusher, born in Sullivan county, Indiana, February 10, 1836, daughter of Minor and Mary (Marlow) Rusher, both natives of Kentucky. The father was born in 1806 and died in Sullivan county, Indiana, April 30, 1867, and the mother born August 31, 1811, died February 22, 1888. They were of German descent and emigrated to Sullivan county in 1828, being numbered among the very early settlers of the county. The five children born of this union are as follows: Hettie, born June 1, 1861, wife of Joseph Wyman, and residing in Hamilton township; George F., September 10, 1864, now resides on Jackson street, Sullivan, Indiana; William H., October 10, 1866; Maggie, born May 29, 1870, died in February, 1876; Flora C., born February 8, 1876, died May 5, 1896. Mrs. Botts has been a consistent member of the Christian church for many years.

For his years, Mr. Botts has a remarkable memory, as is illustrated by the list of his old school teachers, beginning with the first, and which list he desires to keep as a record for the future: Miss Stratton, in Licking county, Ohio; Mr. Kelsey, James G. McBroom, Nathan England, Henry Lincoln, Rosie O'Neil, Ephraim Woodard, Phebe Sudlow, Jesse Griggsby, all of Hocking county, Ohio; Samuel Edginton and Robert Wolfenbarger, of Coshocton county, Ohio. When Mr. Botts first came to this township the land was all timbered heavily, and this was removed by log rollings, which lasted about two weeks, each spring. He relates how the school teachers of the "fifties" were paid a dollar a day. Also how in his boyhood days they all lived on their own resources, making their own clothing, sugar, molasses, etc. He notes the great transformation since those pioneer days in the Buckeye and Hoosier states, and is glad to have been a participant in changing the wilderness to a fertile, prosperous and highly enlightened section.

JOHN McNABB BRANSON.—No philosopher ever made a truer statement than the one who proclaimed that the greatest man in the world can do no more than to do well the thing which lies nearest to him; and it may be added that greatness has usually been achieved through the faculty and determination to accomplish with faithfulness and forethought the affairs of family and home community before going afield for other honors. Measured by this approved standard, John McNabb Branson, well known primarily as a substantial farmer and a stock raiser, has made his useful and honorable life one unvarying success, and his manly and intelligent efforts have never ceased to assist in the agricultural, educational and religious development of Curry township and Sullivan

county. He comes of an old Virginia family, his father migrating from the Old Dominion (through Tennessee and Georgia) to this Indiana region, where he became one of its foremost pioneers. The son was born in Cocke county, Tennessee, on the 25th of April, 1836, being a son of Michael, Jr., and Sarah (McNabb) Branson. The father was a native of Pittsylvania county, Virginia, where he was born in September, 1805, and died in Curry township, Sullivan county, March 22, 1888. The mother was born in Cocke county, Tennessee, and died on the farm adjoining the homestead now occupied by John M., in 1890. The paternal grandfather, a native of Virginia, spent his life within its limits as a farmer, stock raiser and a distiller. By his wife he became the father of ten children, and the sons are as follows: James, was a resident of Missouri, and was a farmer; George, was a renowned Baptist minister, itinerant, district, and preached in four or five counties in Indiana; he died in the state of Iowa; Asa, was a farmer and stock dealer; he purchased lands in Jackson township, and there died; Michael was the father of John McNabb Branson; Luke L., was a Baptist minister in North Carolina, also an agriculturist; Joseph was an agriculturist, resided in Missouri, and there died. There is no records given of the daughters. Michael Branson, Jr., received an unusually broad education for one of those days, and during his lifetime practiced three professions, as well as became remarkably successful in agricultural enterprises. He was first a school teacher, practiced medicine, preached from the pulpit of the Baptist church, and during the last twenty years of his life not only returned to his labors as a physician but profitably engaged in farming. From Virginia he first removed to Cocke county, Tennessee, and in 1844 transferred his homestead to Hamilton county, that state, later going to Cass county, Georgia, and finally in 1849 locating with his family in Curry township. Here he entered the last quarter section of canal land and resided until his death, occupied as a farmer, a physician and a man of public affairs. For many years he served as a justice of the peace, and as early as 1857 represented the county in the state legislature for one term. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, never turning from the straight path as laid down by the fathers of the party. The four children born to this strong and good man were as follows: Samuel, for a time a school teacher prior to his death, at the age of twenty years; Nancy Branson Curry, who died after rearing three children; John M. Branson, of this review; and Felix, who married M. J. Curry and died some dozen years ago, leaving four children. The children of this family were all well educated, and honored their parents, themselves and the communities of their residence.

John M. Branson spent the first twenty-five years of his life on the home farm, securing an education and faithfully assisting his parents. He then mastered the cooper's trade, and after being employed in that line for some time opened a shop at Shelburn, which he operated for several years before his marriage. Subsequently, he purchased land in Curry township and commenced to farm on a tract of forty acres. His holdings have since been increased to one hundred and eighty acres, and

he now owns not only one of the most valuable farms in this locality, but one of the finest residences in Farmersburg. Mr. Branson was a resident of the town for seven years while his children were attending school there, but now lives on his fine farm, engaged in the raising of standard crops and live stock and making a specialty of the breeding of horses. In politics he is a Populist Democrat, has been somewhat active in the local field, and has served for one term as assessor. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist church, and for many years has been prominently connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Farmersburg lodge was established in 1885, and he has filled all the chairs in it, is a member of the Encampment, and has served as a delegate to the grand lodge.

On May 10, 1866, John M. Branson married, as his first wife, Martha A. Zink, who was born in Jackson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, in November, 1848, and died June 20, 1885, being buried in Littlelock cemetery, Shelburn. The children of this union were as follows: (1) Stella, born February 14, 1876, who is teaching music in the girls' department of the State School at Redwing, Minnesota, having been educated at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, and also taught music in Chicago; (2) George Austin Branson, was born May 14, 1878, in Curry township, and is now engaged in the implement business in Hindsburg, Illinois. He married Golden Knight, having been educated at Danville, Indiana; (3) Flossie, who was born November 4, 1882, married Robert C. Brownlee, and resides in St. Louis. She is a graduate of the Farmersburg high school, attended the State Normal, taught two years, is also a graduate of the Protestant Association Hospital of St. Louis, and is a lady of thorough culture and earnestness of purpose; (4) Clarence Michael Branson was born on the 13th of June, 1885, and is pursuing a law course at Bloomington, Indiana. He attended the normal school at Danville two years and taught for a like period, having now three diplomas to his credit. He is married to Martha Inez Sparks.

As his second wife, John M. Branson married, on July 11, 1887, Miss Margaret McMillan, born in Philadelphia, March 18, 1852, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Geddes) McMillan. Mrs. Branson's father was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1820, and died at Little Rock, Arkansas, in March, 1859. The mother, born in the Scotch city named in 1822, died at Galveston, Texas, in 1858, being at the time a temporary resident seeking health in the south. Mrs. Branson's father came to the United States in 1838 and first located in Woodville, Mississippi, where as a tailor he associated himself with his uncle. He followed that trade throughout life, and at the time of his death owned a flourishing establishment in Little Rock. Margaret McMillan was graduated from a scientific course at the female college in Oxford, Ohio; afterward removed to Natchez, Mississippi, where she remained two years; and in 1870 located in Park county, Indiana, where for the seventeen years prior to her marriage to Mr. Branson she taught the literary and musical branches. She is a Presbyterian, while the children of the family are members of the Methodist church.

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ARTHUR DENNY CUTLER, representing the legal profession in an able manner at Carlisle, Indiana, is a native of the state of Illinois, and was born at Dallas, Hancock county, of that state, November 15, 1875. He is a son of Rev. William Alonzo and Mary Ann (Denny) Cutler. William Alonzo Cutler was born at Alton, Illinois, November 28, 1843, and he was the son of Alonzo Cutler, born in Massachusetts, October 16, 1804, at Warren, and who died August 26, 1896, at Brooklyn, New York. He was a manufacturer and real estate dealer and resided in Chicago and St. Louis for some years. He married Elizabeth Upham, who was born November 2, 1804, in Enfield, Massachusetts, and who died in Chicago, December 25, 1863. They were the parents of the following named children: Marshal, deceased; Julia, deceased; Harriet; Mary; William Alonzo.

Rev. William Alonzo Cutler was reared and received a common school education at Alton and was graduated from Jacksonville College, in Illinois, where he took the literary course. In the days of the Civil war he was a soldier from Illinois, enlisting in April, 1864, for one hundred days, and mustered into Company "C," One Hundred and Forty-fifth Illinois Regiment Volunteer Infantry, at Camp Butler, Springfield, Illinois. He served about six months in southwestern Missouri, near Rolla, under General Rosecrans, and was mustered out in the fall of 1864, at Camp Butler. He then chose the ministry and followed that profession in the Presbyterian church all his life. Among the places in which he was pastor may be named: Fairmount, Minnesota; Broadhead, Wisconsin; Clear Lake, Iowa; Kansas, Illinois; Charlestown, Knightstown, Sullivan and Carlisle, Indiana; Rankin, Illinois, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the last named place being where he is now preaching. His wife, the mother of Arthur Denny, was born in England, in Staffordshire, July 31, 1852, a daughter of John and Ellen (Samuels) Denny. Her parents came to America in the sixties and settled in Morrison county, Minnesota, where they remained until overtaken by death. They were the parents of six children.

The children of Rev. William Alonzo Cutler and wife were as follows; Everett Alonzo, born June 3, 1873, now pastor of the Westminster church at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; he is a graduate of Hanover College and McCormick Theological Seminary, of Chicago; Arthur Denny, of this notice, of whom further mention is made; William Murray, born December 20, 1877, now a cashier in the bank at Rankin, Illinois; he graduated from the Sullivan high school; Grace Hattie, born December 18, 1881, resides with her parents at Milwaukee.

Arthur Denny Cutler was educated in various towns in Illinois and Indiana, after which he entered Earlham College, at Richmond, Indiana, for one year and one term, then entered Hanover College, remaining four years and two terms, graduating with the class of 1894. Having chosen the law for his life's profession, he began the study of that science with John T. Hays, of Sullivan, Indiana, in 1894, remained under his preceptorship one year and then located in Carlisle in 1896, since which time he has carried on an independent law practice. He is the only attorney

of the place. He was admitted to the bar November 14, 1896, and was admitted to practice in the supreme and appellate courts in 1900. He was owner of the *Carlisle News* from September, 1899, to April, 1907. He is a director and one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Carlisle. In his political affiliations, Mr. Cutler is a supporter of the Republican party. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and is fully up with the advanced age in which he lives. He was united in marriage, November 7, 1900, to Tillie H. Sallee, born in Carlisle, November 23, 1875, daughter of William H. and Rebecca (Ford) Sallee, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cutler are the parents of three children: George, Charles Nelson, and Mary Rebecca. Mrs. Cutler is an exemplary member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Cutler has a library of over five hundred volumes, professional and otherwise, and his neat and well arranged office is commendable.

EDLEY W. ROGERS, editor of the *Carlisle (Indiana) News*, is a man of good southern stock, with a substantial strain of French Huguenot blood, and ancestral influences, with a strong individuality and a thorough practical training, have combined to make him a forcible and pithy journalist and a substantial all-around newspaper man. A native of Loo-gootee, Indiana, he was born on the 28th of August, 1885, and is a son of W. Q. and Margaret Olly (Pirtle) Rogers. The father was born in Adamsville, Tennessee, September 11, 1847, and the mother in Carlisle, Indiana, February 21, 1853, the latter being a daughter of William and Mary Ann (Ferree) Pirtle. The founder of the Ferree family in the United States was Madam Mary Ferree, who was a French Huguenot and fled from France with her children, one of her fellow voyagers being William Penn. It was in the colony of the great Quaker leader that Madame Ferree settled with her family, in 1708, and laid the foundation of the first Huguenot community in this section of the country. Later generations of the family located in Indiana and made their home near Paxton. Among the pioneers to this locality were Joel and Mary (Leeth) Ferree. Their son, Philip Copeland, married Margaret Trimble, and Mary Ann Ferree, a daughter by this union, became the maternal grandmother of Edley W. Rogers. The latter was born near Paxton, Indiana, September 8, 1830, and died February 25, 1907, as the wife of Isaac Newton Markee and the mother of Mrs. W. Q. Rogers.

Mary Ann Ferree was married twice, the first husband being William Linder Pirtle, to whom she was married when she was twenty years of age. Her husband, who was a son of Jacob and Lydia Pirtle, was a tanner, associated for a time with Isaac Shannon, and was a man of industrious and sterling character. He died in August, 1853, leaving Mary Ann and Margaret Olly, the latter being the mother of Edley W. Rogers, and still living. Another daughter of this family, Clara Jane, died in infancy. The second marriage occurred May 26, 1856, when Mary Ann Ferree became the wife of Isaac Newton Markee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Rogers were married at Vincennes, Indiana,

but never resided there, going at once to Loogootee, where they still reside, and where the husband is engaged in the real estate business. The elder Mr. Rogers is a Republican, belonging to the Masons and Odd Fellows fraternities, and both he and his wife are active members of the Christian church. The second of their six children, Alba, died at the age of three years, the other members of their family being still alive are: William L., a grocer of Carlisle; Aimee Nora, living at home; Charles Q., a resident of Seymour, Indiana, where he is employed as a freight conductor on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; Edley W., of this sketch; and Halstead P. Rogers, a student of the Loogootee high school.

Edley W. Rogers received his education at Loogootee, his birthplace, graduating from its high school in 1902. He then completed the mastery of the printer's trade, which he had commenced two years before, and continued this as his steady employment until he removed to Carlisle. He was first employed on the *Martin County Tribune* and the *Shoals Republican*, and during 1905-6 was in partnership with his brother, William L. Rogers, at Beaumont, Kansas, where he was engaged in general merchandising. In November, 1906, Mr. Rogers went to Sullivan to assume a position on the *Democrat and Times*, and remained in that capacity until his purchase of a half interest in the *Carlisle News*, during April, 1907. His associate in the enterprise was H. T. Alumbaugh, who remained with him until April 6, 1908, when Mr. Rogers became the sole proprietor. His publication is a non-partisan, independent weekly newspaper, having a circulation of eight hundred copies. It is a clean, newsy, well edited journal, and reflects decided professional credit upon its able and popular proprietor. Its editor is a firm Republican in politics and, fraternally, is a member of Carlisle Lodge, No. 3, F. & A. M., at Carlisle, Indiana; Jerusalem Chapter, No. 81, R. A. M., at Sullivan; Sullivan Council, No. 73, R. S. M., at Sullivan; also of Carlisle Chapter, No. 185, Order of the Eastern Star, at Carlisle.

WILLIAM J. CURTNER, proprietor of the well equipped drug store at Carlisle, was born January 14, 1854, in Carlisle, Indiana, son of James A. and Symira (Ledgerwood) Curtner. The father was born in Kentucky and came to Carlisle, Indiana, when a young man, remaining there until his death, which occurred January 31, 1864. He served in the army during the Mexican war. He was of Scotch and German descent. By trade he was a harness and saddle maker, and conducted his business on the spot where his son's drug store now stands. He is said to have been an exceptional workman at his trade, and his workmanship was known far and near for both its beauty and quality. He voted the Republican ticket and was a charter member of Carlisle Lodge, No. 50, of the Odd Fellows order, at Carlisle. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The mother of William J. was born one mile southwest of Carlisle, on the old Ledgerwood homestead, which was the first place settled upon anywhere north of Vincennes. The great-grandfather, James Ledger-

wood, was a native of South Carolina and located in Kentucky when a young man and came to Indiana in the spring of 1793, and in the fall of that year returned to Kentucky, intending to move his family the following year, but on the banks of the Ohio river he was captured by the Indians, who took him to a point near Detroit, Michigan, and there held him a prisoner for seven years. He then returned to Kentucky and got his family, coming to Carlisle in 1803. Here he built him a cabin of logs, a mile southwest of the town. He was granted some land west of Carlisle by the government on which to build a mill, which he operated until his death. This grist-mill was willed to his son William, who operated the same until his death, giving it to three of his sons, Thomas, Joseph and William, Jr. William and Joseph died soon after their father's death, when the property fell to Thomas, who operated it until his death, when the old pioneer landmark was sold to Benjamin Watson, and he in turn sold to a Mr. Abbey, who moved it to near Dugger, where it now stands, although abandoned for milling purposes. A wonderful story of early days could be told had this old mill but the power of speech. James Ledgerwood and wife reared a family of five children and one of their sons, Samuel, united with the Christian church of Sullivan county at about the date of its organization.

Mr. Curtner's grandfather, William Ledgerwood, was born in Kentucky, coming with the family to Sullivan county when a mere lad. Here he grew to man's estate and married and reared a family of twelve children. He married Catherine Jenkins, born at Chester District, South Carolina, November, 1792. She moved to Sullivan county, Indiana, when yet a girl. She started with her father and mother about 1804, and after being on the journey about two weeks, her father, Thomas Jenkins, died. The children of this family were: Sarah, Eliza, Catherine, William, Thaddius, Martha, John and Richard. The last named was killed by the Mexicans while in the army. The great-grandmother of William J. Curtner had a brother named William Gill, who came to Sullivan county before she arrived. Gill township was named in honor of him, as was "Gill Prairie." Mr. Curtner's grandmother, Catherine Jenkins, and her sisters and brothers located four miles southwest of Carlisle. The mother joined the Shakers and took her daughters with her. Subsequently, William Ledgerwood married Catherine and took her from the Shaker society, which community bore an interesting part in the early day history of this section of Indiana. Grandmother Jenkins and her daughters, Sarah and Eliza, were among the division of the Shakers who went to Kentucky, locating at Shakerstown, which place is still in existence. There Grandmother Jenkins died before the Civil war and Sarah became head eldress of the Shakers at Shakerstown, holding the position until incapacitated by old age, dying when about ninety-four years.

William Ledgerwood and wife reared twelve children—eight sons and four daughters; only one of the sons, Wesley Ledgerwood, bore children. He died in Iowa, leaving a large family. The daughters all married and bore children: Martha married John Curry; Elizabeth married Col. W. D. Blackburn, who was killed in Louisiana during the Civil

war; Nancy married W. G. Culberson; Symira married James A. Curtner and they were the parents of five children, as follows: two died in infancy; John M., residing at Wabash, Indiana, was born June 20, 1851; he is a banker; William J., of this notice; Flora, born August 11, 1857, died about 1880; she married Dr. R. L. Jenkins, now deceased, and their child was Amy, who now resides in California.

William J. Curtner was reared and educated at Carlisle and attended business college at the old Garvin & Heinley College in Terre Haute, Indiana. When nineteen years of age he entered the drug business, at first clerking in Carlisle, and later purchased an interest in the business, and has been thus engaged ever since. The business is now operated under the firm name of W. J. Curtner & Sons. They carry a full line of pure drugs, paints and wall paper. Mr. Curtner owns a part of the old Ledgerwood homestead—eighty-three acres—of which the deed has never been changed from the family. He also is interested in the Building and Loan Association, of which he is president. Politically, he is a Republican and in fraternal societies he is a worthy member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders at Carlisle.

He was united in marriage, September 14, 1876, to Emma A. Griffin, born in Sullivan county, January 6, 1859, a daughter of James L. Griffin, ex-county recorder, and a minister in the Christian church. The children born of this union are: James F., born July 6, 1878, married Ada M. Shepherd, born in Sullivan county; they have one son—William Ledgerwood; Ada M., born December 22, 1880, married William B. Akin, former editor of the *Times*, at Sullivan, but now of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and they have one son, Edgar W., born April 2, 1886, unmarried and in business with his father; Flo, born January 4, 1892, unmarried and at home, and will be graduated from the high school in 1909. The eldest child of the family died in infancy. Mr. Curtner is a member of the Methodist church and his wife of the Christian church.

EDGAR W. AKIN, JR., cashier and one of the directors of the People's Bank of Carlisle, Indiana, was born June 28, 1883, in Carlisle, Indiana, son of Edgar W. Akin, Sr., and Susan M. (Wiggs) Akin. The father was born in Bloomington, July 17, 1853, and the mother was a native of Kentucky, born May 20, 1852. Both parents of Mr. Akin are residing in Carlisle. (See sketch of C. T. Akin, in this work.)

Edgar W. Akin, Sr., was engaged in business with Charles T. Akin at Carlisle until about 1892. During that year he, with Josiah T. and Charles T. Akin, organized the People's Bank of Carlisle, with a capital stock of \$25,000, and Edgar W. Akin, Sr., has been its president ever since. In 1902 the institution was reorganized and the stock increased to \$35,000, and again in 1907 increased to \$50,000. Politically, Edgar W. Akin, Sr., is a Democrat, and in fraternal connection is a worthy member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Carlisle. His wife is the daughter of Lorenzo D. Wiggs and wife, who were natives of

Kentucky, emigrating to Carlisle in the fifties and conducted a hotel and a store there. They both died at Carlisle. They reared three children: H. R. Wiggs, residing at Carlisle; Susan M. (Mrs. Akin); Lillian, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Akin are members of the Christian church, of which he has been a trustee for a number of years.

The three children of this couple are: Elouise, born May 20, 1876, now wife of James McConnell, residing at Carlisle; she was educated in Oxford College, Oxford, Ohio, and also attended a private college (Cotes) at Terre Haute, Indiana, and she took a literary course in both schools named; the second child died in infancy, and Edgar W., Jr., is the youngest. He was reared in Carlisle and attended the common schools, after which he entered the Culver Military Academy, in 1898. In 1900 he entered Lake Forest Academy, at Lake Forest, Illinois, and graduated with the class of 1902. He passed from the last named educational institution into Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, where he spent one year, and then returned to Carlisle and began clerking in the People's Bank. This was in 1903, and he continued as a clerk until 1905, when he became cashier, which position of trust he still holds.

Edgar W. Akin, Jr., was married September 14, 1904, to Elizabeth Irna Galt, born in Sterling, Illinois, a daughter of John M. and Elizabeth (McPherran) Galt, both natives of Illinois. The father is deceased and the mother lives in Sterling, Illinois. The father was engaged in the banking business. Mrs. Akin was educated in the public schools of Sterling and later graduated from Ferry Hall Seminary, at Lake Forest, Illinois, with the class of 1902. She then went to Smith College, at Northampton, Massachusetts, where she spent two years; she is a member of the Presbyterian church.

DR. IRVIN J. KEYS, representing the dental profession in a thoroughly up-to-date manner at Carlisle, Indiana, was born July 7, 1872, at Verona, Kentucky, son of William and Elizabeth (McCauley) Keys. The mother was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1826, and died September, 1907, at Lancaster, Indiana. The father was born at Piqua, Ohio, February 29, 1824, and died March 23, 1899, at Lancaster, Indiana. They were united in marriage in Ohio. Dr. Keys' paternal grandmother was a native of Ireland and the maternal grandparents were natives of Pennsylvania. Dr. Keys' father went to Cincinnati, Ohio, when aged about thirteen years, and grew to manhood in that city. He then went to Kentucky about 1860, remaining in that state until 1874, when the family moved to Lancaster, Indiana, where he and his wife both died. He was a machinist and followed this trade all of his active years. At Marysville, Kentucky, he owned and operated a foundry and employed about two hundred workmen. Upon moving to Lancaster, Indiana, he lived a retired life. Politically, he was an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. Seven children blessed their union, as follows: Charles, now

a resident of Bedford, Indiana; William T., residing at Conmiskey, a machinist; Mary, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Charles A. Fewell, residing near Lancaster, Indiana; Robert R., residing at Linton, Indiana, and practicing dentistry; Carrie Gertrude, wife of Nicholas Clashman, residing near Lancaster; Irvin J., of this review.

Dr. Keys received his education at the public schools and high schools at Lancaster, graduating with the class of 1889. He then attended the Normal at Danville, Indiana, and also one at Mitchell, after which preparation he attended the dental department of the Hospital College of Medicine, Louisville, Kentucky, one year and was graduated from the Kansas City Dental College with the class of 1897. After graduating, he practiced his profession in Kansas City a short time, and in 1899 located at Carlisle, Indiana, where he is the only dentist of the place and enjoys a large practice. Dr. Keys was superintendent of the schools at Dupont, Indiana, for two years, first in 1891, and was recalled in 1893 to the same position.

He is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a member of Carlisle Lodge, No. 3, A. F. and A. M. In addition to being a member of the Masonic order and Modern Woodmen of America, he is a member of the Supreme Tribe of Ben Hur and of the Order of the Easter Star Chapter of Carlisle, No. 185, of which order he is now worthy patron, being elected to this office the second time. He united with the Presbyterian church at Carlisle, January 30, 1908, and a short time after was elected to serve on the Board of Elders, of which body he is now clerk. Politically, the doctor is a Republican. He was married in 1902 to Carrie Alberta Land, who was born in Carlisle, Indiana, and educated there. She also received musical instruction at the Conservatory of Music, Indianapolis, Indiana. She is the daughter of Jacob Land and wife. Her father, now deceased, was a member of the Sullivan county bar and served as a justice of the peace at Carlisle for a number of years.

WILLIAM E. COWLE, the present justice of the peace at Carlisle, Indiana, is a native of Vanderburg county, Indiana, where he was born on his parents' farm, November 30, 1837, a son of William and Julia A. (Ewing) Cowle. The father was born in England and came to America with his mother and a brother and sister when two years old. The grandmother was a sister of Squire John Ingle, whose son, John Ingle, Jr., built the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad through Carlisle. William E. Cowle's father and mother located in Vanderburg county, Scott township, where the father died in 1838 and was buried in that township, in what is now an unknown cemetery. Mr. Cowle's paternal grandmother married Marcus Wheeler, who was also a native of England, and died in Vanderburg county, Indiana. William Cowle, the father of William E., of this notice, was a thoroughgoing farmer throughout his entire life. Politically, he was an old line Whig. After his death, his widow married Joseph Harrison, who was of English birth, and who came to this

country about the same time that her first husband came, and Mr. Harrison was also buried in the township as was Mr. Cowle. By the first marriage two children were born: Sarah, now deceased, and William E. By the second marriage, Mr. Cowle's mother was the mother of the following children by Joseph Harrison: John; Thomas, deceased; Richard, deceased; Henry; James, deceased; and Martha.

William E. Cowle was reared on a farm until fifteen years of age, when his mother died, and he went out to make his own way in life. For two years he worked at Memphis and Batesville, Arkansas, where he also attended school for a short time. In July, 1855, he went to Evansville, Indiana, and learned both land and marine engineering. He was finally licensed by the government as a river engineer and ran boats between Evansville, Indiana, and Cairo, Illinois, and also to Paducah, Kentucky. At one time he was interested in towing boats with Captain Henry L. Mitchell, continuing in this line of work until the autumn of 1870, when he went to Freelandville, Indiana. In March, 1873, he located in Carlisle, where he erected a mill for sawing lumber, on the Thomas Davis place, one mile east of the town. He continued to operate this sawmill until about 1893, when he engaged in the windmill, pump and engineers' supply business, which he still carries on. July 19, 1902, he was appointed justice of the peace. He also is largely interested in the collection of accounts, having been elected collector by the Merchants' Association of Carlisle. He is very successful in the collection of such accounts as are turned over to him by the business men who compose this association. In his politics, Mr. Cowle is a Republican. He has served as town clerk and treasurer two terms. He is one of the active and honored members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of the Carlisle Encampment.

For a time he was engineer in the United States Navy and held the rank of master, by reason of which he now draws a pension from the government. During the three and one-half years' service with the Federal army, his duties lay with the United States Navy. He was aboard the steamer General Thomas, belonging to the Eighth District, Mississippi Squadron, on the Tennessee river. While General Sherman was on his famous march to the sea, Generals Beauregard and Hood returned to Alabama along the Tennessee river, and at Gunterville, Alabama, there was a severe action, and the steamer General Thomas, whose captain was Gilbert Morton, under Commodore Forrest, was in this affray. Mr. Cowle received his honorable discharge at Evansville, Indiana, August 24, 1865, and returned to his home, once more as a civilian.

Mr. Cowle has been thrice married, first to America L. Guilkey, who was born in Indiana, and died leaving three children: Charles, who died at the age of seventeen months; the second and the third children both died in infancy. For his second wife, Mr. Cowle married Angeline Hopkins, born in England. By this union six children were born: Sarah, who now resides with her father; Julia, wife of Frank Sproatt, residing in Carlisle; Luella, at home, the wife of W. F. Risinger, and they have five children; Anna, deceased; married Professor Gifford; William E.

(twin brother of Anna), also deceased; an infant, deceased. For his third wife, Mr. Cowle married Susan Childs, born in Vanderburg county, Indiana, of English descent. There is no issue by this union. Mr. and Mrs. Cowle are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Among other business interests, Mr. Cowle is a stockholder in the telephone company and also in the First National Bank of Carlisle.

JAMES NELSON ROBERTS, who is well known in the community in which Carlisle is situated, having for many years been a dealer in hardware, lumber and grain at that point, and now retired from active business pursuits, is a native of the Old Dominion state, born in Frederick county, Virginia, October 28, 1849, son of Andrew and Sarah (Nelson) Roberts. The father was born in Ireland in 1816 and the mother in Frederick county, Virginia, in 1826. She died in Hancock county, Ohio, in 1859. Andrew Roberts came to this country alone, when about eighteen years of age, and lived in New York two years, then went to Washington, District of Columbia, in which city he resided two years, going from there to Frederick county, Virginia, where he was united in marriage. In 1851 he removed to Hancock county, Ohio, and in 1868 to Carlisle, Indiana, where he lived until his death in 1898. He was a farmer by occupation. He had been educated for a priest in Dublin, Ireland, and New York City, but finally abandoned the idea of priesthood. While living in Virginia, he had the sub-contract of constructing the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad grade. He possessed great energy and considerable skill. His mother's parents were both natives of Ireland, and died in Ohio, where they were farmers. Andrew and Sarah (Nelson) Roberts were the parents of seven children, as follows: Margaret, wife of Clark Hill, residing in Clinton, Illinois; the next child died in infancy; James Nelson; Mary Virginia, a widow, now residing at Columbus, Ohio; Jennie, wife of C. E. Henshaw, residing in Wisconsin; Ella, deceased; and Marion, a resident of Sullivan, Indiana. For his second wife, Andrew Roberts married the widow of Joseph Wolfe, who was reared in Carlisle, Indiana. Politically, Mr. Roberts was a staunch defender of Democratic principles. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, he having united with this church at Carlisle.

James N. Roberts, of this sketch, obtained a common school education in Ohio and began to work for himself when he reached his majority. He continued to do farm labor until 1879, when he went to Cherokee, Iowa, and there engaged in the grain and milling business with his brother-in-law, C. E. Henshaw. After two years he sold his interest and went back to Carlisle, Indiana, and embarked in the hardware business, with J. Frank Alumbaugh, operating under the firm name of Roberts & Alumbaugh. Their business comprised hardware, tinware, harnessmaking, lumber and grain. This continued until the fall of 1905, when the firm was dissolved, Mr. Roberts taking over the lumber and elevator business, which in the spring of 1906 he sold to James McConnell. Since

that date Mr. Roberts has been looking after the interests of his farm. He is one of the owners of the old Roberts homestead, and is the treasurer of the Carlisle Building and Loan Association. He is also one of the directors of the People's State Bank of Carlisle, Indiana. Politically, Mr. Roberts is a supporter of the Democratic party.

He was married, February 7, 1888, to Carrie Long, who was born in Evansville, Indiana, and there educated. She is the daughter of Lewis and Mary Ann (Gantner) Long. Both of Mrs. Roberts' parents were natives of Germany, and were united in marriage in Vanderburg county, Indiana. Both are now deceased. They were well-to-do farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are the parents of three children: Raymond Andrew, born April 1, 1889, was graduated with the class of 1908 from the Carlisle high school, and is now a student of Notre Dame (commercial course), at South Bend, Indiana; Louis Long, born April 26, 1891, graduated with the class of 1908, and is now a student in Wabash College, at Crawfordsville, Indiana; and Charles Elliott, born March 4, 1894, is now in the sophomore class. Mrs. Roberts is a member of the Roman Catholic church, and attends St. Mary's church at Sullivan, Indiana, of which Rev. Father James Bolin is the pastor.

CLAUDE A. ELLIS, of the firm of Risinger & Ellis, patentee of Hygiene Cabinets, and secretary of the Carlisle Business Men's Association, was born November 17, 1868, in Haddon township, near Carlisle, Indiana, son of Thomas Orlando and Eliza (Sproatt) Ellis. The father was born in Carlisle, December 19, 1835, and is of English descent. The paternal grandfather, John W. Ellis, was born in Virginia, and married Elizabeth Veech, who was also a native of Virginia. They were married there and soon afterward came to Carlisle, Indiana. He farmed several years, after which he took up the carpenter's trade and painting. In his latter days he was an undertaker. He was the first to carry on such business at Carlisle, and many times preached the funeral sermons for the deceased whose funeral he was hired to conduct. He was an old-fashioned Democrat and served as trustee of his township many years. Both he and his estimable wife were members of the Christian church, in which he was very active. He was married three times, and was the father of eighteen children by the three marriage unions. Eleven of his children still survive. His father (Claude A.'s great-grandfather Ellis), named Louis, was a native of England, who on coming to America settled in Virginia.

Thomas Orlando Ellis was reared and educated at Carlisle, Indiana. He learned the brickmason's trade, with his uncle, in Mobile, Alabama. After remaining there about seven years, Mr. Ellis came back to Carlisle and purchased a farm which he worked, being also employed at his trade. He still lives on his farm, about three-fourths of a mile from Carlisle. He owns two farms of about four hundred acres. He is a supporter of the principles of pure Democracy, and is a member of Lodge No. 3.

A. F. & A. M., at Carlisle. He married Eliza Sproatt, who was born within a quarter of a mile of where she now lives, on September 4, 1838. She was educated in the place of her nativity. Her parents were John and Eliza (Minich) Sproatt; her father was born on Shaker Prairie, Knox county, Indiana, March 1, 1810, and died November 17, 1884. He was always engaged in farming in Sullivan county. Eliza (Minich) Sproatt was born in Haddon township, July 26, 1819, and near this place she spent her entire life, dying February 8, 1906. Her father was of English descent, and her mother of Dutch ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Orlando Ellis were the parents of two children: Claude A., born November 17, 1868, and Mirtie, born May 23, 1876. Mirtie was educated in Carlisle and married William A. Deiss. They now reside on a farm near Carlisle, Indiana.

Claude A. Ellis, was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools about Carlisle. When sixteen years old, he went to Florida and there began firing on the J., T. & K. W. Railroad. He continued there several months and then returned to Carlisle and began running a stationary engine, which work he followed for about five years. His next business was conducting a livery barn, with Rush M. Cammeron, under the firm name of Cammeron & Ellis, which partnership existed one year. Mr. Ellis then formed a partnership with T. S. Risinger, under the firm name of Risinger & Ellis, which firm conducted a hardware, furniture and undertaking business. This is the only firm doing such business in Carlisle. Politically, Mr. Ellis is a Democrat and for some time has served as president of the Carlisle school board. He is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a member of Carlisle Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., Chapter No. 81, Council and Commandery No. 54, at Sullivan. He is also a member of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 50, belongs to the Encampment No. 139 of Carlisle, and has been through the chairs and to the grand lodge. He is also an honored member of Ben Hur Court, and Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 3332, both of Carlisle. The firm to which Mr. Ellis belongs, has placed on the market their celebrated cabinet case, above mentioned and during the last year has gained a wide reputation for this excellent invention, the patents of which they own.

Mr. Ellis was united in marriage August 6, 1890, to Lillian A. Wiggs, born in Carlisle, Indiana, on the lot where now stands the People's Bank of Carlisle. She died September 22, 1904, leaving three children, as follows: Eloise, now attending the high school and will graduate with the class of 1909; Orlando, attending high school, will probably graduate in 1910; Stanley, in school. The mother of these children, was a devout Christian and a member of the Christian church.

DAVID FREDERICK SHAKE, D. V. S.—Doctor Shake, the skillful veterinary surgeon of Carlisle, Indiana, is a native of Warren county, Iowa, born August 18, 1863, and he came to Indiana in April, 1868. He is the son of Christopher Columbus and Lucy J. (Bowen) Shake. The

father was born in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, May 16, 1836, and died February 16, 1889, in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, where he had resided only a few months. All but eight years of his life when he resided in Iowa were spent in Sullivan county, Indiana. He was of Irish and German descent. His father, Christopher Columbus Shake, Sr., was born about 1800 in Kentucky, where his wife was also born about 1801. In 1820 he came to Sullivan county, Indiana, and raised one crop in Haddon township, during which season he bached it in a log cabin, built by himself. After this crop was harvested he returned to Kentucky and was married and soon returned to the place where he had farmed one season, and there spent the remainder of his days. He entered about five hundred acres of land and there reared a family of five sons and four daughters. He and his wife were among the charter members of the Prairie Baptist church. In politics he was a Democrat. Grandfather William Bowen and wife Mary (Spencer) Bowen, were born near Lexington, Kentucky, where they were united in marriage. In 1820 they effected settlement in Sullivan county, Indiana, near the Knox county line. He was a farmer throughout his life and politically he was a Democrat. He had seven children, and in their church connection, both he and his wife were members of the Baptist church above referred to.

Dr. Shake's father always followed farming and stock raising. He was a Democrat and a member of the Grange lodge. He and his wife were the parents of ten children: William C., residing in Clearmont, Illinois, whose general occupation is that of a farmer, but has been deputy sheriff for four years in Richland county, Illinois; Charles A., a resident and farmer of Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana; Spencer J., residing in Fort Branch, Indiana, now the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of that place; John L., residing at Pleasantville, Indiana, a farmer and thresher; Dr. David F., of this biographical notice; Ulysses Grant, a resident of Clearmont, Illinois, a farmer; Mary, deceased wife of W. M. Howard; Elijah, who died in childhood; Cora, died aged nineteen years; Claude T., residing at Sullivan, Indiana, a carpenter by trade, and the mother lives with him.

Dr. Shake was reared in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, his father removing there when the son was about four years. In 1900 the doctor sold out his farm interests and entered the Indiana Veterinary College, at Indianapolis, graduating from that institution in April, 1902, when he immediately opened an office for the practice of his profession in Carlisle, Indiana. He is still practicing and with highly satisfactory results. He holds consultations along the line of the E. & T. H. Railroad, in his locality. Politically, he is a supporter of the Democratic party and has been a member of the town council four years, and has still two years more to serve. He is president of the town board, having been such since January 1, 1906. He is a member of Carlisle Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He was united in marriage November 30, 1887, to Eliza Hooper, who was born in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana,

November 23, 1868. She is the daughter of Pinckney and Nancy (Corbin) Hooper and received her education in the district schools of her native township. Her father was born in Knox county, Indiana, and her mother in Sullivan county, and both are now deceased. Her father was a life-long farmer. Dr. Shake and wife are the parents of four children, as follows: Lillie Belle, born April 10, 1890, unmarried and at home; Pinckney C., born November 7, 1897; Pleasant Harold, born May 28, 1902; Charles Maxwell, born July 7, 1905. The doctor and his wife, are members of the Indian Prairie Baptist church.

THOMAS S. RISINGER, who is a member of the enterprising firm of Risinger & Ellis, merchants and manufacturers in Carlisle, Indiana, is a native of Wynder township, Knox county, Indiana, born November 19, 1858, son of Charles W. and Martha B. (Snapp) Risinger. The father was born in Jeffersonville, Kentucky, January 13, 1822, and died January 8, 1873, in Knox county, Indiana. The Risingers are of German extraction. Daniel Risinger, the grandfather, also a native of Kentucky, born at the same place as was his son, married Sarah Miers, a native of Kentucky. They were united in marriage in that state and very early in life took up a quarter section of land. He was a farmer and operated a water-power sawmill and tread-wheel. Daniel and wife reared seven daughters and one son. In their religious profession they were Methodists.

Charles W. Risinger remained a resident of Wynder township after his father moved to Knox county, Indiana, and was a farmer and engaged in the sawmill business with his father. When they first moved to Knox county, they operated a pottery and made crocks and jugs, as well as other vessels made from clay. Charles W. Risinger was a soldier in the war with Mexico, and politically affiliated with the Democratic party. His wife, Martha (Snapp) Risinger, was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, March 14, 1836, in Haddon township. She grew to womanhood in her native township, and was there educated, teaching school a year. Her parents were Abraham and Martha (Baird) Snapp. Her father, born in Kentucky in 1793, was of English descent, while her mother was of Irish extraction. They were married in Knox county, Indiana. Abraham Snapp was a miller by trade and ran a gristmill and sawmill combined, at Scottville, Haddon township. He served as colonel in the war of 1812. He was thrice married, and reared a family of eleven children. He died in Haddon township in 1847, his wife dying many years previous.

The children born to Charles W. Risinger and wife were: Aurelia, wife of Herman Vaughn, a bookkeeper for Risinger & Ellis; Thomas S.; John, deceased; Catherine, wife of Frank Minich, residing in the township in which Carlisle is situated; Leonard, deceased; Frank, residing in Evansville, Indiana.

Thomas S. Risinger was reared to farm life and educated in the

public schools. After his marriage, he purchased a sixty-one acre farm in Haddon township, just over the Knox county line, and there resided until he moved to Carlisle to engage in business. In March, 1892, he sold out and went to Carlisle, uniting with his brother Frank, under the firm name of Risinger Brothers, undertakers and dealers in hardware and furniture. Thomas S. learned the art of embalming and the undertaker's business of Tutwiler & Sons, Indianapolis, Indiana, and is now a licensed embalmer. He is a member of the Funeral Directors' Association of Indiana, and is now the only undertaker in Carlisle. After a partnership of one year, the Risinger Brothers dissolved, Thomas S. buying his brother out, and continuing for one year alone. In the month of February, 1894, C. A. Ellis (see his sketch in this work), was taken in as a partner, since which time the firm has gone under the title of Risinger & Ellis. This firm is extensively engaged in the manufacture of the patented Hygienic Cabinet, which article is having such a large sale at this date. Politically, Mr. Risinger is a supporter of the Democratic party and has been a member of the town board. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 50, belonging to the Encampment degree of that fraternity, No. 139. He has filled all chairs in this lodge, and been to the grand lodge of the state. He is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, at Carlisle. Besides his many other business cares, Mr. Risinger is one of the directors of the Carlisle Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Risinger was united in marriage October 14, 1884, to Miss Judah Belle Hooper, born in Haddon township and educated in the district schools of the same. She is the daughter of Pinckney C. and Nancy (Corbin) Hooper. (See sketch of Dr. D. F. Shake). Mr. and Mrs. Risinger are the parents of two children: Edna, born July 8, 1886, unmarried and at home and Aurelia, born January 1, 1890, unmarried and will graduate with the class of 1909, from the Carlisle high school. Mr. Risinger and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Risinger is a trustee of the parsonage. He has served as trustee of the church at Bethlehem for several years, but has recently given it up to others.

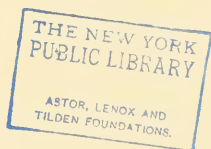
ABRAHAM G. COX, D. V. S.—A skillful representative of the veterinary profession, who enjoys a large practice at Carlisle and surrounding territory, is Dr. Abraham G. Cox, who was born August 10, 1858, in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, east from the town of Carlisle. He is the son of Jacob and Mary (Hamilton) Cox. His father was born in Madison county, Indiana, and died in Jasper county, Illinois, aged about thirty-five. The mother was born and died in Jasper county, Illinois. Grandfather John Cox was a native of England and by occupation was a farmer. The maternal grandfather was a native of Scotland, and his wife was Elizabeth Schmidt, born in Germany. They were also farmers.

The parents of Dr. Cox moved to Jasper county, Illinois, in 1860, and there he lived until fourteen years of age, when he came back to Haddon township and worked on a farm. In 1881, he was employed in a drug store at Houston, Missouri, after which he began the study of medicine, entering the College at Charleston, Illinois, in 1886. He remained in that school two years, going then to Toronto, Canada, where he took a one year's course. He began practice, April 13, 1890, at Carlisle, Indiana, continuing until the autumn of 1897, when he entered the Indiana Veterinary College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898 and at once returned to Carlisle, and has been practicing here ever since. In 1906 Dr. Cox erected a modern veterinary hospital and formulated what is so widely known as "Dr. Cox's Barb-wire Liniment," and "Painless Blister," the same being made by P. L. Hoover & Bros. The doctor is a member of the Indiana Veterinary Association and is an up-to-date and highly skillful veterinary. He belongs to Carlisle Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Carlisle.

Dr. Cox was married July 6, 1891, to Mary Trimble, born in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, February 19, 1869, and educated in the same locality. She is the daughter of William and Jane Trimble. Her father was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, and her mother in Ohio, and both are still living in Haddon township. He is among the most extensive farmers within the township. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have had two children: Earl, who died in infancy, and Corda, born November 11, 1895. Mrs. Cox is a member of the Church of Christ.

JAMES McCONNELL, who is a well known grain and lumber dealer of Carlisle, Indiana, was born July 17, 1871, in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, son of Baily and Jennie (McDowell) McConnell. Baily McConnell was born in Haddon township, and his wife in Ohio, in Columbiana county, at Mooretown, April 29, 1852. She was a daughter of Dr. James McDowell, who came to Carlisle when she was a young girl. He began the practice of medicine at Pleasantville, Jefferson township. Andrew McConnell, the father of Baily McConnell, also came to the county at a very early day.

James McConnell, of this notice, was reared on the farm and educated in the public schools, after which he attended DePauw College at Greencastle, Indiana, for four years. He then turned his attention to agriculture and still owns his well-tilled farm, although he has never lived on the place, having resided in town ever since his marriage. He owns a creamery and a herd of seventy-five registered Jersey cattle, and operates a strictly sanitary milk business. In the spring of 1905 he purchased the lumber and grain business of J. N. Roberts, and now has the only lumber yard of the place. He also carries a full line of clay products. In connection with his extensive lumber trade, he runs a planing mill.





C. J. Dwyer

Both his lumber and creamery interests are models of uniformity and correctness. He keeps an exact account of every pound of butter produced from each cow he owns. It is said that his system is not equaled within Indiana.

Politically, Mr. McConnell affiliates with the Republican party. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Carlisle Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M.; Council, Chapter, and Royal Arch Masons of Sullivan; also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America at Carlisle. He was married in 1896, to Eloise Akin, by whom three children were born: Bernice, Bailey, and Wall. The reader is referred to the sketch of Edgar W. Akin for the ancestry of Eloise (Akin) McConnell.

CLARENCE F. BURTON.—The business career of Clarence F. Burton, which has been attended by a large and well merited degree of success, was begun when he was but sixteen years of age as a clerk in a store at Silverwood, Indiana. After ten months spent in that capacity he became a student in the normal at Covington, Indiana, and after a six months' course there returned to the store in Silverwood and clerked there for two and a half years. During the year and a half following this period he was the proprietor of a restaurant at Covington, and then returning again to his home town of Silverwood was for three years associated with D. P. Williams in the grocery business and was the postmaster of that town. Selling his interests there, he went to Clinton and spent a short time in the dry goods store of Randolph Brothers, and in July of 1904 he came to Shelburn and became a partner of I. C. Dalrymple in a mercantile store. In 1908 he purchased Mr. Dalrymple's interest and has since been alone in the business. He is one of the leading merchants of the city and enjoys a large and lucrative trade.

Mr. Burton was born at Silverwood, in Fountain county, Indiana, December 11, 1871, a son of William E. and Sarah J. (Lunger) Burton. The father died when his son Clarence was but three years of age, and the mother, who was born near Linden, Indiana, about 1840, afterward married Peter Reynolds and is living on the home farm in Fountain county. There were three children by the first marriage: Thomas, who is a miner at Clinton, Indiana, and Flora Williams, of Silverwood.

Clarence F. Burton, one of the three, attended the public schools of Silverwood until he was sixteen years of age, and then, as above stated, entered upon his successful mercantile career. On the 6th of March, 1901, he was married to Margaret Randolph, who was born in Silverwood in 1880, a daughter of Henry C. and Clara Randolph, who are farming people residing near Silverwood. The two children of this union are Carroll F. and Lucile, born respectively on the 27th of July, 1902, and on the 24th of September, 1904. Mr. Burton is a member of the Knights of Pythias order, Lodge No. 98, at Silverwood, and he gives a staunch support to Republican principles.

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SOLOMON DEEBLE.—Superintendent and general manager of the Carlisle (Ind.) Coal and Clay Company, Solomon Deeble is a native of Monmouthshire, Wales, where he was born June 14, 1854, son of James and Margaret (Ashton) Deeble. The father was born in Cornwall, England, and the mother in the north of Wales. They came to America in 1864, locating in Dover, New Jersey, where they remained one year, then went to Pittston, Pennsylvania. In 1869 their son Solomon, of this sketch, came to this country and joined his parents in Pittston. Here the father died. He was a miner and usually followed that business for a livelihood.

Solomon Deeble lived in Pittston, Pennsylvania, for thirty-six years, being a mine superintendent for several years at that place. He began the occupation of a coal miner in Wales, when but seven years of age, acting as a trapper, which part of the mining work he performed for three years and then started in as a driver boy, continuing in such role in the mines of his native land, until he was fifteen years old. He then came to Pittston, Pennsylvania, where he commenced as a driver-boy. Two years were spent at that branch of the work, after which he started in as a real laborer and mined one year, when he had mastered the situation, in the coal mining business sufficiently to enable him to work as a regular miner, which he did for twelve years. His next position was that of driver boss, at which he worked two years, then as fire boss one year, when he commenced as pit boss. This was in 1891 and he continued in that service for ten years, being employed by the Avoca Coal Company at Avoca, Pennsylvania. Resigning he was made superintendent of the Traders Coal Company (although still holding his residence at Avoca) and held this position for five years. In 1897 he was appointed post master of Avoca, Pennsylvania, and served in that capacity until 1904, being superintendent of the mines at the same time. In 1904 he resigned the postmastership, as well as his positions in the mines, and in March, 1905, went to Carlisle, Indiana. There he established the Carlisle Coal and Clay Company. He began the sinking of a shaft in the month of April and has been superintendent and manager of the company ever since. The shaft was sunk to the depth of two hundred and forty feet, and work begun on vein number six, March 19, 1906. After having worked the mines to a daily output of two hundred and fifty tons, they observed the roof was weak and the mine was abandoned. They then went down to a distance of three hundred and fourteen feet, and began working number five in October, 1907. This vein of coal is five feet in thickness, and of an extra good grade; the roofing is said to be of an excellent quality, too. The daily output of this mine is two hundred and fifty tons and the coal produced is sold throughout Indiana and also in Chicago. This mine is provided with an escape shaft down to number four vein, at a depth of four hundred and ninety-five feet, it being the deepest shaft within the entire state of Indiana, while the vein of pure coal is five feet in thickness. The president of this mine is John Williamson, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; J. C. Wiegand, of the same place, is

secretary and treasurer; Solomon Deeble, manager, and Thomas J. Deeble, is salesman.

Solomon Deeble was united in marriage to Ruth Davis May 22, 1874. She was born in Wales, in the same locality as her husband. This union has been blessed by seven children: Thomas, died in infancy; Anna, wife of Joseph McPherson of Carlisle, Indiana; Thomas J., married Fannie Mae Pearce, of Carlisle, in 1904 and now has two children—Emma Ruth and Jessie Lois; Birdella, wife of William L. Evans, residing in Carlisle; Viola, wife of William T. Pratt, and has two children—Ruth Deeble and William Thomas, Jr., residing in St. Albans, Vermont; William F., married Grace Wilson and has one daughter—Viola Dean; Roy Edgar, married Miss Geneva Hammond and is still at home.

Politically, Solomon Deeble affiliates with the Republican party and in fraternal societies, he is connected with the following: Masons, Blue lodge, chapter, commandery and Shriners; Odd Fellows; Ancient Order of United Workmen; Foresters; and Knights of Pythias. He was a member of the school board at Avoca, Pennsylvania, for nine years. Mr. Deeble received no schooling in his youth but is a self-educated man and he and his wife both being self-educated appreciate a good practical education and gave their children a high school and college course. Four residences on the Sullivan road between Carlisle and the mines were erected by Mr. Deeble.

GEORGE W. PIRTLE, M. D.—Dr. George W. Pirtle, a practicing physician at Carlisle, Indiana, is a native of Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, and was born two miles north of Carlisle, November 17, 1868, son of James W. and Mary A. (Cron) Pirtle. The father was also born in Haddon township in August, 1837, and died December 31, 1904. The mother was born in Knox county, Indiana, and died in Carlisle in the spring of 1906. The Pirtles are of an English family who came from England in 1635, two brothers settling in Virginia and from them this branch of the family have all descended. The grandfather, Alfred Pirtle, was born in Sullivan county, and his father, George Pirtle, the doctor's great-grandfather, was born in Kentucky, coming to Sullivan county among the pioneer settlers of this part of Indiana. James W. Pirtle, father of George W., was a farmer and also operated a saw-mill. Politically, he was a Democrat. His children were as follows: Dr. George W.; Charles, a resident of Hamilton township, Sullivan county; Jacob, who resides on the old Pirtle homestead and Edward, a resident of Paxton, Indiana. The doctor's mother was twice married, first to James Stipe, who died in the Civil war, at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dr. Pirtle was educated in the common schools of his native country and then entered the Lake Forest University, Lake Forest, Illinois. Subsequently, he graduated from that most excellent educational institution, Rush Medical College of Chicago, with the class of 1890. In the spring of that year he began active practice of medicine at Carlisle, Indiana, where he has not missed a day's practice since he first opened

an office, eighteen years ago, aside from the time spent at the medical societies. He is a member of the Medical Society of Sullivan County; the Indiana State Medical Society and American Medical Association; American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D. C., becoming a member of the last named in 1895. He takes much interest in fraternal matters, and belongs to Carlisle Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., the chapter and council at Sullivan, and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

He was united in marriage October 18, 1891, to Belle Julian, born in Indiana, December 23, 1867, daughter of Rev. B. F. Julian, now retired at Hymera, Indiana. Mrs. Pirtle is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They are the parents of one son, J. Julian Pirtle, born July 12, 1896.

HERBERT A. BROWN, who is the general manager of the Carlisle Mill and Elevator Company, was born in Rockport, Spencer county, Indiana, December 9, 1860, son of Thomas H. and Martha (Jones) Brown. Thomas Brown was born in Russellville, Ohio, February 4, 1809, and died in Princeton, Indiana, April 2, 1900. He was of Pennsylvania German descent. He was a drover and stock dealer, and also handled real estate. He came to Spencer county, Indiana, in 1818, with his parents, Conrad Brown and wife. They located on the bluffs and built a log cabin at a point where is now located the county seat of Spencer county. Conrad was a farmer. Thomas H. Brown lived in Spencer county until 1888, at which time he went to Princeton, Indiana, where he lived until his death. He was supporter of the Republican party and served three terms (six years) as sheriff. He was a member of the Masonic lodge and took much interest in Masonry. His wife was born in Spencer county, Indiana, September 7, 1830, and died April 21, 1900. She was of English descent and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were united in marriage in Spencer county, Indiana, in 1852, and were the parents of six children, as follows: John Y., residing in Princeton, Indiana, where he is engaged in the livery business; Adalie A., wife of Prelot Rounds, an electrical engineer, residing in Providence, Rhode Island; Herbert A. of this sketch; Harry T., residing in Los Angeles, California, and engaged as a contractor and builder; Nora, wife of Charles Morris, residing in Troy, Ohio; he is a tobacco dealer; Mary, wife of R. L. Tichenor, residing in Princeton, Indiana, where he is engaged in the livery business.

Reared in Rockport, Indiana, and educated in the same place, Herbert A. Brown was sixteen years of age when he began to learn the miller's trade in his native town. He continued there three years, then went to Eureka, Spencer county, where he remained about six months. He next went to Hazelton, Gibson county, Indiana, where he remained two years, working as a miller. He then went to Carmi, Illinois, but remained there only a short time, when he moved to Sumner, that state, and lived there two years. The next six years he spent in Vincennes, Indiana, with

J. & S. Emison. He then went back to Hazelton and engaged in the milling business on his own account, remaining between four and five years. Thinking to better his condition, he moved to Webster, Missouri, remaining a few months and then went to Lawrenceville, Illinois, where he remained two years, going from there to Birds, Illinois, and engaging in milling for himself. Two years later, he went to Princeton, Indiana, and engaged with the Zenith Milling Company for three months. In the month of June, 1903, he went to Carlisle, Indiana, and operated the mill for Wiley Brenton for about two and a quarter years, since which date he has been operating the mill for the Carlisle Mill and Elevator Company; he is the head miller and general manager of the mill. This is a high grade flour-producing plant and the product is shipped to all parts of the country. They also buy and ship all kinds of grain. The "Golden Eagle" brand of their flour is a trade-winner and has given Mr. Brown a wide reputation as a flour maker.

Mr. Brown is a Republican in his political views, and is a member of the Royal Arcanum lodge at Vincennes, Indiana; the Court of Honor in Carlisle; No. 66 Tribe of Ben Hur at Carlisle, and the Mutual Protective League Council No. 226, at Litchfield, Illinois, as well as holding membership with the T. P. A. at Vincennes. He was married August 27, 1881, to Laura Briscoe, born in Warrick, county, Indiana, May 17, 1860. She is the daughter of With and Adeline (Brown) Briscoe, both natives of Warrick county, and both now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of three children, only one of whom is living; Agnes, born in Sumner, Illinois, November 13, 1882. She is still at home and is a graduate of the J. Smith Business College, at Vincennes, Indiana. For two years she was employed with Bay & Company's wholesale house in Vincennes, resigning on account of her mother's failing health. The other two children died in their infancy. Mr. Brown's wife and daughter are acceptable members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

PHILIP L. HOOVER.—Enterprising, energetic, and possessing rare business ability and tact, Philip L. Hoover, of Carlisle, Sullivan county, is widely known as head of the firm of P. L. Hoover & Bros., which has exclusive control of the manufacture and sale of Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, one of the best and most wonderful articles of the kind in existence. A native of Sullivan county, he was born, July 22, 1869, in Haddon township, which was, likewise, the birthplace of his parents, John M. and Ann T. (Cartwright) Hoover. He comes of pioneer stock, his grandfather, Philip L. Hoover, first, for whom he was named, having been one of the early settlers of this township.

Coming from Pennsylvania, his native state, to Sullivan county, the grandfather, Philip L. Hoover, took up land, entering about six hundred acres. He was a tailor by trade, and worked at it some in connection with farming. He served as a soldier in the Mexican war, and after his return from the army devoted his attention almost entirely to agriculture,

becoming one of the leading farmers of this part of the county, his homestead property being near Carlisle.

Born on the home farm in 1845, John M. Hoover succeeded to the occupation in which he was reared, and as a general farmer and stock-raiser was successful. As a man and a citizen, he was held in high respect, and his death, which occurred May 5, 1889, was a loss to the community in which he had spent the greater part of his life. He married Ann T. Cartwright, who was born June 27, 1835, and is now living, making her home in Carlisle, Indiana. Her father, William C. Cartwright, was born in Virginia, from there coming to Sullivan county soon after the arrival of the first family of Hoovers. He subsequently married Sarah Ledgewood, who was born in this county in 1804, being the first white child born within its precincts. In politics, John M. Hoover was a steadfast Republican, and in religion his wife was, and is, a consistent Methodist. Five children were born of their union, namely: Nolan C., of Carlisle, a member of the firm of Hoover Brothers, and its traveling agent, married Sadie Vance, a native of Haddon township, and they have two children; May, born April 5, 1866, died in childhood; Philip L., of this sketch; Elmer G., born June 19, 1872, is also traveling for the firm, his home, however, being in Carlisle; and Hester A., born May 9, 1874, is a member of the firm of P. L. Hoover & Brothers. All of these children were reared on the farm. Elmer and Hester both attended the Indiana University, at Bloomington. Hester also took a course of study at the State Normal school, and for two years was a teacher in the graded schools of Carlisle.

Remaining on the home farm until twenty years old, Philip L. Hoover then accepted a position as clerk in the drug store of W. J. Curtner. Subsequently going to Terre Haute, he was for a time similarly employed in Jasper D. Denison's drug store, where he formed a familiar acquaintance with the details of the business. Forming a partnership, then, with A. M. Morris, he embarked in business in Carlisle, becoming junior member of the firm of Morris & Hoover. While thus engaged this firm formed a separate business in company with Dr. Cox, of Carlisle, placing before the public the Barbed Wire Liniment formulated and manufactured by the doctor. Two years later, Mr. Hoover bought out Mr. Morris, and for four years managed the drug business alone. In 1895, he admitted his brother Elmer to partnership, and later the remaining members of the family were admitted to the firm, his mother, his sister Hester, and his brother Nolan all becoming equal partners in the business, the name of the firm being P. L. Hoover & Brothers. In 1900, this enterprising firm sold out its drug business, and also the telephone exchange, which Mr. Hoover had for some years managed in partnership with Charles Griffin. In 1897, Mr. Hoover bought out Dr. Cox, and since 1900 the firm has manufactured Dr. Cox's famous Barbed Wire Liniment, and in placing it on the market has been very successful. By extensive advertising its merits are widely known, and it is now sold in large quantities throughout the West and South, being found in all of the leading drug and general stores of Kansas, Oklahoma, Florida,

Washington, Iowa, Nebraska, Michigan, Minnesota, Georgia, Alabama, California, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee and Texas. The use of this liniment in this vast territory of states is a sure proof of its medicinal virtue, and bespeaks the energy and enterprise of the firm that handles it, and the great advertising ability and knowledge of its members.

In 1892, Mr. Hoover married Xenia Anderson, who was born in Cass township, a daughter of Joseph Anderson, now a resident of Sullivan. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have two children, Glenn and Helen. Politically Mr. Hoover supports the principles of the Republican party. Fraternally he belongs to Carlisle Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., to which his brothers also belong; to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of both lodge and encampment; and to the T. P. A.

MARK LESTER.—A man of undoubted enterprise, industry and ability, Mark Lester, of Carlisle, is actively associated with the industrial progress of this part of Sullivan county, and as the owner of a sawmill is carrying on a substantial business. He was born, October 20, 1854, in London, England, which was also the birthplace of his father, Henry Lester. His grandfather, Mark Lester, who was for many years a captain in the Royal Navy, married a Scotch lassie, Isabelle Keeling.

In his earlier years, Henry Lester was engaged in the drug business in London. He was a man of talent, a genius in his way, and invented and patented the waterproof match. He then began the manufacture of matches in London, being a pioneer in that industry. Being burned out in 1855, he transferred his residence and business from London to Nottingham, where he erected a match factory, which he managed until his death. He married Hepzibah Gimbert, who was born in Cambridgeshire, England, a daughter of Thomas Gimbert, a velvet weaver, and she, too, spent her last years in Nottingham. They were both active in religious work, and were prominent members of the Church of England. Eight children were born of their union, namely: Thomas, deceased; Harry died in Sullivan, Indiana; George is engaged in mining in Nottingham, England; Ruth, deceased; Mark, with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned; Alice, wife of Joseph Hopkins, of Nottingham, England; William, a lace maker, resides in Nottingham; Jane died in infancy.

Receiving a limited education in the Nottingham schools, Mark Lester remained at home until eighteen years of age, when he enlisted in the British army, in which he served three years, and one hundred and ninety-five days, as a private. Returning home, he worked in the mines until 1879, when he emigrated to this country, locating October 1, of that year, in Shelburn, Sullivan county, Indiana, where for three years he was profitably employed in mining pursuits. Going back then to England for a vacation, he staid there awhile, and then returned to Indiana, and during the summer of 1884 mined for coal in Sullivan. On April 17, 1885, Mr. Lester, in the employ of the Carlisle Coal Company, began

sinking a shaft about a mile north of Carlisle, and superintended its management for nine years, after which he operated it on his own account for three years, from 1892 until 1895. In 1893, Mr. Lester, in company with Walter Bugher, embarked in the threshing business, and continued in it seven years, when his partner sold out to Mr. Lester. In 1896 these gentlemen established themselves in the milling business, carrying it on in connection with their threshing operations until 1900, when Mr. Lester bought the sawmill, and thresher, and has since conducted it most successfully. He does considerable custom work, and is an extensive shipper of lumber, having a prosperous trade, and in addition to his mill in Carlisle also has one in Knox county, which he has operated since 1906. He formerly owned a farm of twenty-four acres, but was burned out in August, 1894, and has since lived in Carlisle.

On September 9, 1878, Mr. Lester married Sarah Jane Rigley, who was born December 6, 1862, in Derbyshire, England, a daughter of William and Charlotte Elizabeth (Hardy) Rigley, life-long residents of England. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lester, eleven children have been born, namely: Ernest M., deceased; Horace H., born in England, December 30, 1883, received his early academical education at Vincennes College, afterwards being graduated from the University of Minnesota with the class of 1905, was principal of the Anacortes high school in Washington, and is now Professor of Botany in Bellingham high school, Washington; Ivan Jefferson, born February 22, 1885, was graduated from the Carlisle high school in 1905, and is now in partnership with his father—he is a Mason, from Blue Lodge to Council, the same as his father; Grover died in infancy; Bertram died in early childhood; Paulina C., born January 17, 1890, was graduated from the Carlisle high school with the class of 1908, is now a successful teacher in Haddon township; Albert Carroll, born March 14, 1893; Thomas William, born December 5, 1895; Raymond Kelling, born September 24, 1898; Elizabeth Eloise, born September 23, 1901; and Jennie Gretcham, born March 21, 1904. Politically Mr. Lester affiliates with the Democratic party. Fraternally he is a member of Carlisle Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., of Sullivan Council; and of Sullivan Chapter, R. A. M. Religiously, his wife, daughter and two sons are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Lester is a member of the Eastern Star at Carlisle.

WILLIAM B. SHEPHERD.—Among the well-known residents of Haddon township is William B. Shepherd, who, as a liveryman, is carrying on a substantial business in Carlisle, having an extensive patronage. A son of the late William B. Shepherd, Sr., he was born in this township, May 24, 1863, and was here brought up and educated.

William B. Shepherd, Sr., was born in Sullivan, Indiana, in 1836, and died on his home farm, in Haddon township, in 1886. In the early '50s, following the trail of the gold seekers, he went to California, and for awhile was employed in mining, but without meeting with the anti-

pated success. Somewhat disappointed in the result of his venture, he returned to Sullivan county, and for awhile lived at Shaker Prairie. Subsequently, in company with Josiah Wolfe, he embarked in business as a general merchant and a grain dealer, being first located at Griswold, Knox county, and afterwards in Carlisle. Subsequently buying land in Haddon township, he was engaged in agricultural labors until his death. He was a Democrat in politics, a member of the local Grange, and belonged to the Christian church, of which his widow is still a member. He married Elizabeth Summers, who was born in Sullivan, in 1842, and is now living on the old Shepherd homestead. Their union was blessed by the birth of seven children, namely: Thomas G., residing with his widowed mother on the home farm, in Haddon township; Solomon G., of Gill township; William B., of this brief sketch; Estella May, wife of Alonzo Pifer, of Gill township; John, deceased; Effie, wife of F. M. Bland, of Gill township; and Carrie J., wife of William Willis, of Hamilton township.

Educated in the district schools, and reared to agricultural pursuits, William B. Shepherd assumed the management of the home estate upon the death of his father, carrying it on for four years. Locating then in Carlisle, he embarked in the livery business, and a year later admitted to partnership Rush McCammon, with whom he was associated for two years as junior member of the firm of McCammon & Shepherd. Selling out his interest then to Frank Risinger, he was for twelve years engaged in the retail liquor business in Carlisle, closing out April 3, 1908. Two weeks later, on April 15, 1908, Mr. Shepherd and Mr. McCammon again entered into partnership, and are now carrying on a good business as proprietors of a livery and feed stable. Politically, Mr. Shepherd is identified with the Democratic party, and fraternally he belongs to Eagle Lodge No. 996, at Sullivan, Indiana.

On February 18, 1883, Mr. Shepherd married Elizabeth Wagner, who was born in Ohio, in 1864, a daughter of John Wagner, who came to Indiana about 1870, and located first in Gill township, later settling in Sullivan, where he spent his last years. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, two are dead, the second child having died in infancy, and John, the third child, having also passed to the life beyond. Four are living, namely: Howard Floyd, born October 6, 1884, is engaged in the livery business with his father; Paul, born September 24, 1888, was graduated from the Carlisle high school in 1907, and is now in the employ of P. L. Hoover & Brothers, in Carlisle; Hazel, born February 28, 1892, attends the Carlisle high school, belonging to the class of 1909; and Helen, born February 3, 1900. Mrs. Shepherd is a member of the Christian church.

JAMES D. HOWARD.—An honored representative of the brave, daring and energetic pioneers who came to this section of the country when it was in its primitive wilderness, and by heroic work actively assisted in developing it into a fertile and productive region, James D. Howard, of

Carlisle, is eminently worthy of especial mention in this biographical work. A son of Cornelius Howard, he was born September 4, 1844, in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, on the home farm. His grandparents, Joseph and Sarah Howard, were born, reared, and married in North Carolina. They afterwards lived for awhile in Kentucky, and their first child was born in Daniel Boone's fort. Coming from there to Sullivan county in 1820, he took up land, and was there employed in tilling the soil until his death, in the fall of 1838. He was buried in the Indian Prairie Cemetery, in that township, his body being the first there interred.

Cornelius Howard was born, June 13, 1805, in Oldham county, Kentucky, and died October 28, 1896, in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana. He was a farmer from choice, being engaged to a considerable extent in stock raising and dealing, and at one time was owner of four hundred acres of land. He married first, Nancy Jarrel, who lived but a short time after their marriage. He married second, Naomi Mayfield, who was born in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, June 20, 1819, and died in the same township, May 9, 1894. Her father, James Mayfield, who served in the war of 1812, married Amelia Hinkle, in Kentucky, their native state, and was subsequently one of the original settlers of Jefferson township. Of the marriage of Cornelius and Naomi (Mayfield) Howard, eleven children were born, as follows: Joseph T., of Jefferson township; Naomi Elizabeth; James D., of this sketch; W. W., residing on the old Howard homestead; R. M., deceased; Franklin P., deceased; John S., engaged in the fruit business in Florida; Sarah E., wife of Edward C. Shake, of Haddon township; Wilton M., also of Haddon township; Jasper, deceased; and Daniel V., engaged in farming in Fairland, Indiana.

Brought up on the home farm, James D. Howard was given excellent educational advantages, attending first the district schools, afterwards continuing his studies at what is now the DePauw University, in Greencastle. He subsequently taught school three terms in Jefferson township, and was then in the drug business in Carlisle until 1870, when, in company with James L. Berry, he embarked in the drug business in Carlisle, being junior member of the firm of Berry & Howard. In January, 1874, he returned to Jefferson township, and resumed work on his farm of one hundred acres, residing there until September, 1888. Locating in that year in Franklin, Mr. Howard was there employed in the grocery business for three years, when he traded one hundred and sixty acres in Jefferson township for a farm in Haddon township, an estate of two hundred acres, subsequently selling his store and property in Franklin, Indiana. Immediately assuming possession of his property, he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Haddon township from 1891 until 1905, as a general farmer and stock raiser, meeting with genuine success. Since that time, Mr. Howard has been a resident of Carlisle, where he is living retired from active pursuits, although he still supervises the management of his farm. He is highly esteemed as a man and a citizen, and is an influential member of the Democratic party, and belongs to the Inde-

pendent Order of Odd Fellows, into which he was initiated January 8, 1872. He has filled all of the offices of his lodge and encampment, and has been a delegate to the grand lodge.

On February 28, 1867, Mr. Howard married Nancy Jane Robbins, who was born in Knox county, Indiana, January 10, 1846. Her parents, John and Lucy (Bowen) Robbins, came from Kentucky, their native state, to Indiana, and were among the very first settlers of the northern end of Knox county. The father was a soldier in the war of 1812. He had a family of seven children, as follows: James, deceased; Julia, wife of William A. Perry, of Freelandville, Indiana; Mary, deceased; Thomas, residing on a part of the Robbins homestead, in Knox county; Nancy Jane, wife of Mr. Howard; Isabella, deceased; and Alexander M., living on a portion of the old homestead. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard, namely: a child that died in infancy; Edward C., deceased; Carrie B., deceased; Flora E., born October 3, 1874, is the wife of Thomas A. Grizzle, of Carlisle; and Icie Nora, born April 11, 1877, married Frank Corbin, of Carlisle, and has one child, James V. Corbin. Forty-one years ago Mr. Howard united with the Missionary Baptist church, to which his parents belonged, and of which his wife is a member, and he has filled all of the offices connected with the church.

MRS. HANNAH F. (ALSOP) JERAULD.—A woman of culture and refinement, possessing excellent judgment and much executive ability, Mrs. Jerauld bravely assumed the duties devolving upon her when, many years ago, she was left a widow, and has ever been mindful of the interest of her household. She resides in Carlisle, Sullivan county, where her birth occurred, March 27, 1846, and is descended from an old English family, being the daughter of Joshua and Margaret (Calvert) Alsop.

Hon. Joshua Alsop, her father, was born in the town of Wall Hexem, in Northumberlandshire, England, on the fifth of September, 1807. In the year 1818, on the 18th of May, in company with his father, mother, two brothers and sister, he emigrated from the old world to the new, landing in Canada. Thence they moved to the state of New York, residing at Halls Corner for one year, and then starting for the west, via Pittsburg, sailing down the Ohio river to the mouth of the Wabash and up that river to York, Illinois. After a short stay at that place the family located at Carlisle, Indiana, in the fall of 1820, where Mr. Alsop remained until his death.

In the thirtieth year of his age, Mr. Alsop was married to Miss Margaret Calvert and shortly afterward commenced his career of business, which he conducted on the old-fashioned theory that the word of a mercantile man must be as good as his bond. So strong did he adhere to this principle that his name became a synonym of business integrity throughout the Wabash valley. Mr. Alsop early became satisfied that the facilities the river afforded for the transportation of produce and merchandise were inadequate to the development of Sullivan county.

Upon the suggestion of railroad connection between Terre Haute and Evansville he became enlisted in the enterprise, and was elected one of the directors, which position he held until his death. He made all his sacrifice for the road with a desire that it should run through Carlisle. His plans were for a time frustrated by the machinations of certain men, who were anxious that the road should be located out of the town. Then Mr. Alsop displayed that trait of character which he possessed in a remarkable degree (tenacity of purpose), made a herculean effort and enlisted fifteen associates in the cause. The road was finally located in Carlisle, at a loss to Mr. Alsop and his friends of \$32,000. Those who are enjoying the benefits conferred cannot appreciate the sacrifice thus made in their behalf.

From the inauguration of the free school system Mr. Alsop gave it his financial aid and his unwavering support, looking forward to the time when education should become compulsory. One of his peculiar traits of character was his habit of coming to the rescue of a failing or an embarrassed public enterprise, and by the timely advancement of money placing it on the highway to success. In 1870, much against his will, he was elected a member of the State Senate and served during the regular session of 1870-72, but no consideration whatever would induce him to accept a re-election. Though taking an interest in political affairs, he was averse to holding office. He was a sincere friend to the honest poor man, never refusing him either aid or sympathy. Enterprising and progressive he took an especial interest in the welfare of his adopted town, but whether his project was private or public always remembered his honor as a man. His death in 1876 was a sad loss to his family and a heavy loss to the community.

Mr. Alsop's marriage to Margaret Calvert occurred at Carlisle, Indiana, February 14, 1837, and seven children were born to them, as follows: William and Mary, who died young; Nancy and David, also deceased; Hannah, of this sketch; Isadora, wife of Charles P. Gwin, who resides in Georgia; and Anna C., widow of the late Frank Parvin. Mr. Parvin was born in Evansville, Indiana, and was there educated, beginning his business career as a dry goods merchant in association with his father. He afterward embarked in the drug business in that city, and carried it on successfully until failing health forced him to retire from active pursuits. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Parvin was educated at DePauw College, where she received an excellent intellectual training.

Hannah F. Alsop received her elementary education in the public schools of Carlisle, afterward attending a female college in Terre Haute. On December 8, 1870, she married Thomas H. Jerauld, who was born in Patoka, Indiana, February 22, 1837, and died in that city, February 9, 1883. He received his collegiate education in Bloomington, Indiana, and was actively and successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits at Patoka until his death, being an honored and respected member of the community and a man of sterling integrity and worth. In politics, he was a staunch Republican. In April, 1884, Mrs. Jerauld returned to Carlisle, her girl-

hood home, and has since resided there. She is an able business woman, and has, among other property, a farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Haddon township, from the rental of which she realizes a good income. The Bellevue Coal Company of Pennsylvania has recently sunk a coal shaft on Mrs. Jerauld's farm, and is now working vein No. 5. Mrs. Jerauld and her husband became the parents of four children, namely: Heber, who lives at home; Anna, who died in infancy; Margaret, who lived but sixteen months; and Charles G., who also resides with his mother. Religiously, Mrs. Jerauld is a member of the Presbyterian church. She has seen many changes in Carlisle since her girlhood days, and remembers driving with her father to Vincennes to take the train to Evansville before the railroad was completed as far north as Carlisle. It is hard for the younger people of this generation to realize the wonderful changes made in the every-day life of this day by the establishment of railways, telephones, telegraphs, and the rural free delivery service throughout the country.

GEORGE W. FUNK, a retired farmer and one of the early promoters of the Wabash levee, as well as the present gravel road system, whose excellent farm lies in the famous Wabash valley, but who now resides in Carlisle, Sullivan county, is a native of Russellville, Lawrence county, Illinois, born March 24, 1851, a son of Henry H. and Martha (Petitt) Funk. The father was born in Virginia and the mother in North Carolina. They both had accompanied their parents to Lawrence county, Illinois, at an early day, being among the pioneer settlers in that region. The grandparents, Peter and Nancy Funk, both live in Lawrence county until their death, and both reached the advanced age of ninety years. Peter Funk was a miller and mill-wright, and operated the first mill ever run at Russellville, Illinois. He sold out, and later followed farming pursuits. While in the milling business he and his son, Henry M., attached a carding mill and a distillery to the mill proper. The son Henry W. also farmed in the latter years of his life and died when aged about sixty years, his wife dying when George W. was but three weeks old.

George W. Funk grew to man's estate surrounded by the scenes of country life, receiving his education at the common district school, beginning to work for himself at the age of nineteen years, by farming on a modest scale, with one horse in Gill township. He came to Sullivan county when he was about sixteen years old. He continued to farm in Gill township until the autumn of 1904, and had come to be an extensive farmer at this time (1908), owning eight hundred acres, all in Gill township. This man's career only shows what may be accomplished by persistent labor and good management, in a free country where every man may become the architect of his own fortune. Besides his extensive farm, he owns considerable property in Carlisle and in Riverside, California; also has about \$25,000 in money loaned out in California. He is also a

stockholder in the People's State Bank, at Carlisle. He began the foundation of this handsome financial success, by working on a farm by the month. He has ever been progressive and alive to all public enterprises, and was the first petitioner to secure gravel roads, as highways, in Sullivan county, starting on Gill Prairie. About 1871, he in company with Samuel Hammell, made an effort to put in a levee in Gill township, along the Wabash river, but were defeated by three votes. He also took active part in the promotion of the levee which was constructed some years since. Politically, Mr. Funk is a firm believer in, and supporter of the cardinal principles of the Democratic party. He is an honored member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Carlisle, belonging to the subordinate lodge.

February 11, 1869, marked an important epoch in his life. On that day he married Mary C. Blackburn, a native of Lawrence county, Illinois, who died at the age of thirty-five years, the mother of seven children, born in the following order: Estella, deceased; Lavada, died in infancy; the third and fourth children also died in infancy; Arabelle, married G. W. Allen, and died at the age of twenty-four years, leaving daughters—Hattie and Erma, who are being cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Funk; Nellie, deceased; and George, deceased.

For his second wife, Mr. Funk married March 23, 1883, Harriet Cochran, born in Lawrence county, October 18, 1854. She was educated in the county in which she was born. The children of this union all died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Funk are members of the Christian church of which he served as an elder at Carlisle about twelve years. The last few winters, Mr. Funk has spent six months with his family, at Riverside, that most beautiful winter resort in California. In August, 1890, he removed to Carlisle, where he now has a fine home residence.

JAMES W. CALVERT, one of the thoroughgoing agriculturists of Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, was born on Shaker Prairie, Knox county, Indiana, December 21, 1855. He is the son of Robert and Sarah (Snapp) Calvert. The father was a native of Kentucky and the mother of Indiana. The latter's parents were natives of Virginia. Robert Calvert, the father, was an early settler of Knox county, coming with his parents, both of whom died there. He continued to live in Knox county and served from there in the Mexican war from 1846 to 1848, receiving a gunshot wound which caused his death in 1856, when his son of this notice was but one year old. The widow, later married and died in the autumn of 1860. The children of Robert and Sarah (Snapp) Calvert were as follows: Mary, wife of Peter Price, of Carlisle; John, deceased; Ellen, widow Blann, of Oaktown, Knox county; James W. of this notice.

Left fatherless when but a babe of about a year old, James W. Calvert has never known the aid, and watch-care of a father's love and manly strength, to guide him through the uncertain shoals of boyhood

and youth. His educational opportunities were limited. He attended the schools of his district and Carlisle a few terms.

He made his home with an uncle in Carlisle, Indiana, until thirteen years of age, when he hired out to work for a farmer at twenty dollars the first year, and was defrauded out of this amount, including five dollars given him by his uncle as a present. However, the same unscrupulous man's father, out of shame and sympathy, bought young Calvert a suit of clothes. After this sad beginning, he found employment with another farmer at fifteen dollars a month and continued working there until twenty-seven years of age, when he purchased a team and the necessary implements and commenced farming in Knox county, remaining there about ten years. He kept "bachelor's hall" about three years, really a hard way in which to farm, but at all times he was cool and self-possessed. His next experience was in the purchase of a small farm in Gill township, which he soon sold and bought twenty-two acres. Two years later, he bought forty acres in Haddon township, to which he added, in 1907, forty acres more, making altogether a farm of 102 acres at the present time. On this fine place, he carries on general and stock farming, paying especial attention to swine and horses. In his political views, he is in accord with those of the Democratic party, while in church faith, he adheres to that of the Christian denomination. At one time, he was connected with the Odd Fellows order, but at this date has no lodge affiliations.

Mr. Calvert was happily united in marriage, February 12, 1885, to Miss Amanda O'Haver, daughter of Henry and Mary S. (Jewell) O'Haver, early settlers in Knox county, but who later removed to Sullivan county and the father still lives in Gill township, the mother having died several years ago. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Calvert: Arthur, deceased, and Urban B., unmarried, and employed in a wholesale meat house of Chicago.

WILLIAM Z. PAYNE has spent his entire life on the valuable homestead on which he now resides, and which has been in the Payne family for three generations. He was born in Vigo county, Indiana, November 5, 1858, a son of Isaac T. and Emeline (Anderson) Payne and a grandson of Shadrach and Mary Payne, both of whom were born in Virginia. They were farming people there until their removal to Kentucky, from whence they came to Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1835, and entered the one hundred and sixty acre farm which is now the home of their grandson William. They spent the remainder of their lives in this county, and were the parents of seven children, of whom the following two are now living: Bennett, at Oblong, Illinois, and Melvina Blackburn, a resident of Bedford, Indiana.

Isaac T. Payne, one of the sons of that family, was born during the residence of his parents in Kentucky, September 5, 1830. He too, was an agriculturist throughout his entire business life, and lived on his farm of eighty acres here all his life, with the exception of ten years spent

in Vigo county, his death occurring here in 1904. His wife died in 1900. She was born in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, May 18, 1830, the same year as her husband, and their family numbered but two children, William Z. and his sister, Mary Williams, whose home is in Vigo county.

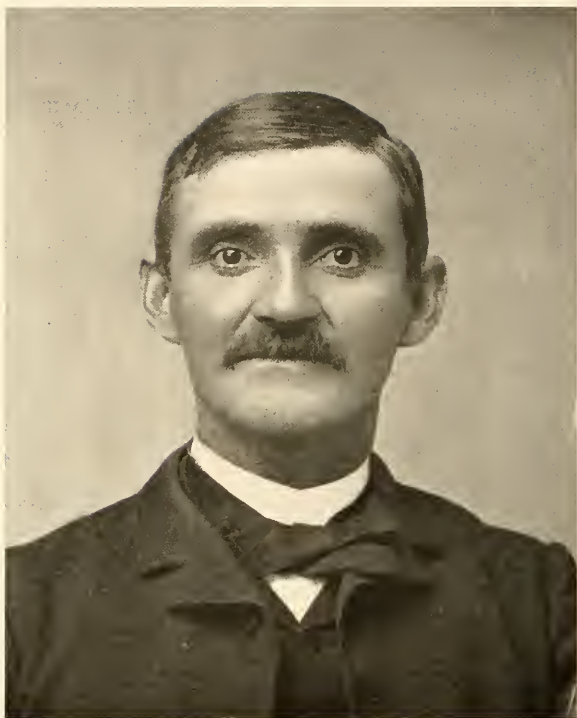
William Z. Payne, the younger, remained with his parents until their death, and on the 4th of September, 1879, he was married to Mary E. Martin, who was born in Middletown, Vigo county, Indiana, February 4, 1858, a daughter of William and Violet Martin, the mother surviving her husband and residing in Sullivan. The four children of this union are: Walter F., who married Ida Harlan, and is one of the well known physicians of Middletown; Bertha Marts, whose home is in Hamilton township; James W., who married Lilly Thomson, and is a mail carrier of Shelburn; and Claucie, at home.

Mr. Payne began life for himself on his father's farm, which he purchased before the latter's death, and his estate now numbers eighty acres, and he is engaged in general farming and stock raising. His politics are Democratic, and he is a member of both the Odd Fellows lodge, No. 420, at Shelburn, and of the Christian church, Mrs. Payne being also a member of that denomination. They are people of the highest worth of character, and Curry township is proud to claim them among her residents.

WILLIAM L. LAURENT, who has attained prominence in the real estate circles of Sullivan county, was born in Leopold, Perry county, Indiana, September 22, 1875, a son of August and Catherine (Allard) Laurent, both of whom were of French descent, and the father was born in that country in 1846, while the mother was born in Perry county, Indiana, in 1852. August Laurent came with his parents to the United States when but seven years of age, the family locating in Leopold, Indiana, where they were farming people, but they died shortly after their emigration to this country. After the death of his parents August learned the mason and marble cutters' trade, and followed those occupations until within a short time of his death, which occurred in 1901. He was a Republican politically, a Mason fraternally, and both he and his wife were members of the Catholic church. She is now living with her son William in Shelburn. Her parents, Francis and Mary (Belva) Allard, came from their native land of France to the United States about 1831, locating first in Kentucky, from whence they removed to Leopold, Indiana, and remained there during the rest of their lives. Mr. Allard was a merchant of that city until the breaking out of the Civil war, also a notary, and after the close of the conflict he gardened and took care of his notary work, dying about 1888, at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife was seventy-five years of age at the time of her death in 1905. She was a member of a prominent and well known family in France. Nine children were born to August and Catherine Allard Laurent, namely: Joseph, who died when young; John, whose

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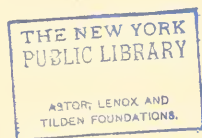
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John Ridgeway



Mrs Jemima A. Ridgeway



home is in Stoy, Illinois; Edward, of Greenville, Indiana; William L., who is mentioned later; Frank, whose home is in Willisville, Illinois; August R., of Evansville, Indiana; Mamie, who is residing with her brother William; and Joseph and Henry, who died in infancy.

After completing his education in the common schools William L. Laurent worked in a general mercantile store for two and a half years, having charge of the postoffice at the same time, and during the ten years following this period he worked in the mines. Coming to Shelburn, Indiana, in March of 1903, he opened a real estate and insurance office here, and is now the proprietor of a real estate, loan, insurance, collection and rental office, enjoying a large and lucrative patronage. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and takes an active part in the local councils of his party, while at the present time he is serving as the committeeman of his precinct. He believes in the social organizations for the protection of the laboring men, and while at the mines he was an active member of the mine organizations. His fraternal relations connect him with the Red Men, Utah Tribe No. 213, at Shelburn, with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, lodge No. 603 at Hymera, and with the auxiliaries of both orders; with the K. of C. council No. 541, Terre Haute, Indiana, and with the Modern Woodmen of America, camp 13563, Shelburn, Indiana.

The marriage of Mr. Laurent was celebrated September 26, 1906, at St. Mary's church at Sullivan, Indiana, when Sadie M. Stadley became his wife. She was born in Greensburg, Indiana, a daughter of Edward and Julia Stadley, the latter deceased, but the father is now living in Shelburn. He farmed until he came here in 1905.

JOHN RIDGEWAY, deceased, who in his lifetime lived in Fairbanks township and was numbered among the most thrifty and successful farmers of Sullivan county, was born in Gill township, four miles west of Sullivan, January 13, 1851. He was the son of Otho and Nancy E. (Pinkston) Ridgeway, natives of Kentucky. The parents came to Sullivan county, Indiana, as children, and when old enough were married. They owned a farm in Turman township until the death of the father in 1863. His wife, now eighty-one years old, lives with her children.

There were four sons and four daughters in this family and the third born of the four sons was John Ridgeway of this memoir. He attended the district schools until twelve years of age, at which time his father died, and afterward he, with his older brother Albert, conducted the home farm until Albert married and then John carried on the place until after his own marriage, July 30, 1871, to Violet Kelley. She was born in Fairbanks township, a daughter of Perry and Martha (Whitlock) Kelley, both natives of Kentucky. A few years later Mr. Ridgeway purchased a farm of his own in Fairbanks township, upon which he erected a large two-story house in 1882, having previously built the barns. The old one-story house on the place is still in use as a cellar and smokehouse. This farm contains one hundred and seventy-one

acres, fifty acres being in timber land, which Mr. Ridgeway cleared off and placed under good cultivation. The farmhouse is in fine view of the famous and picturesque Wabash valley, and the house is surrounded by beautiful shade and ornamental trees. Besides this homestead Mr. Ridgeway secured for himself three hundred and sixty acres on the river bottoms, six hundred and forty acres in Kiowa county, Kansas, and one hundred and six acres in Clark county, Illinois, and several other places within the state of Indiana. He always followed farming for his occupation, and in it achieved merited success. He made a specialty of stock raising in conjunction with his agricultural operations.

Mr. Ridgeway was twice married, first to Violet Kelley on July 30, 1871. By her he had the following children: Otho C., born December 30, 1874, died September 5, 1875; Carsa E., April 5, 1877, now Mrs. George Adams, of Vigo county, Indiana; Harold G., born May 6, 1883, died May 25, 1883. Mrs. Ridgeway died June 8, 1883. For his second wife Mr. Ridgeway married, December 24, 1884, Jerusha A. Rose, born in Turman township January 24, 1866, a daughter of John T. and Rebecca (Drake) Rose. The father was born in North Carolina and the mother in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, Indiana. The grandparents were Thomas and Jerusha Rose. By his last marriage the children born to Mr. Ridgeway were: Lora A., born April 26, 1887, a student in Georgetown College, entering in 1904, is now Mrs. Thomas M. Durham, of Turman township, and Hervey J., born August 7, 1896, entered Notre Dame College January 2, 1909, for collegiate training.

Mr. Ridgeway died February 3, 1905. He was a Republican in politics and was a member of the Odd Fellows' order at Graysville. In church connections he was a Methodist, a member of the Kingsley chapel in Fairbanks township, as is also his wife.

JOHN H. ALLEN, the well known furniture dealer and undertaker of Farmersburg, has been engaged in business in this city since 1904, when he sold his farm and bought the furniture and undertaking business where he is now established. He studied undertaking under efficient directions, and also has a diploma from the Barnes School of Anatomy and Sanitary Science of Embalming.

Mr. Allen was born in Linton township of Vigo county, Indiana, April 24, 1863, a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Williams) Allen, and a grandson of Josiah and Rebecca Allen, both of whom were born in Ireland. They came to America before their marriage, living for a time in Virginia, removing some time after their marriage to Kentucky, where Mr. Allen followed his professions of surveying, and school teaching, having been an efficient teacher for sixty years. He also owned a farm there. There were eleven children in their family, but none are now living, and among the number was Robert, who was born in Spencer county, Kentucky, March 28, 1814, and when sixteen years of age he

graduated from Bacon College in Kentucky. During the remainder of his life he taught school and farmed, coming to Vigo county soon after his marriage, and he resided there during the remainder of his life, dying on the 23d of December, 1891. His wife, Elizabeth Williams, was born in Bullitt county, Kentucky, October 9, 1820, and died on the 27th of June, 1892. She was his third wife, and they had six children: Robert C., who was born on the old homestead farm in Linton township, July 14, 1866, married Gertrude Risinger, and yet resides on the homestead; Sarah A. Allen, born August 29, 1861, married Charles P. Miller and lives in Terre Haute; John H., the subject of this review; and Hannah E., born December 29, 1867, became the wife of Thomas L. Davis and lives in Linton township, Vigo county.

John H. Allen remained at home until his marriage, in the meantime studying surveying and civil engineering under his father, and after his marriage he located on a farm in Linton township, Vigo county, owning one hundred and twenty acres, and during his residence on the farm he served for five years and three months as a trustee. In February of 1904 he sold his farm, and after traveling for a year came to Farmersburg and purchased the furniture and undertaking business where he is now located. His politics are Democratic, and he is a member of the town board and the president of the financial board. He is also a member of the Grange, in Linton township, Vigo county, Indiana.

On the 1st of November, 1896, Mr. Allen was married to Manna Russell, who was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, March 23, 1872, a daughter of Spencer and Elizabeth (Gaskins) Russell. The mother was also born in Sullivan county, April 15, 1838, and she died in March of 1891, while the father was born January 11, 1826, in Spencer county, Kentucky, and died in Vigo county, Indiana, May 9, 1905. He was a farmer all his life. Mrs. Allen has been a member of the Church of Christ since she was thirteen years of age.

AMANDA (DE BAUN) SHERMAN.—Mrs. Sherman has spent many years of her life in Sullivan county, and is loved and honored for her many sterling characteristics, for her Christian character and for her life of usefulness and helpfulness. She was born near Middletown, in Vigo county, Indiana, August 13, 1840, a daughter of Samuel and Phylinda (Shattuck) De Baun. The father was born on the 14th of January, 1820, in Mercer county, Kentucky, and is now living with his daughter in Farmersburg, but the mother, born April 2, 1817, in the state of New York, died on the 14th of February, 1866.

Samuel De Baun is a son of Samuel, Sr., a native of Kentucky, and he in turn was a son of Joseph De Baun, who was of French descent and was a stone mason throughout his life. His son Samuel embraced the occupation of agriculture. He came to Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1831 and died here in 1833, of cholera. His wife, two of his own children and

a son-in-law were also stricken with the dread disease and died. There were nine children in the family of Samuel De Baun, but all are now deceased with the exception of the son Samuel.

Samuel De Baun, Jr., was only thirteen years of age when his father died, and he was yet in his teens when he engaged in the grocery business, but after his marriage he turned his attention to farming in Vigo county and became the owner of seventy-two acres of land. He left the farm after the death of his wife in 1866, and three years afterward, in 1869, he married Susan Earnest, and in the same year went to Shelbyville, Illinois, where he was engaged in the coal business until the death of his second wife in 1886. Coming then to Sullivan county, Indiana, he was engaged in buying and selling live stock until his retirement in 1904. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. De Baun, five are now living, namely: Amanda, who is mentioned later; William S., who was born December 13, 1841, and resides in El Reno, Oklahoma; Margaret A., born February 26, 1843, resides in Farmersburg; Alonzo, born April 11, 1845, died in infancy; Phylinda and Hilinda, twins, born December 23, 1846, died in infancy; Emily R., born November 9, 1848, resides in Farmersburg; and Isabelle A., born July 18, 1851, is also a resident of Farmersburg.

Mrs. Sherman was left motherless when she was quite young, and for over twenty years in her early life she taught school in Sullivan county. On the 22d of September, 1895, she gave her hand in marriage to Thomas K. Sherman, who was born seven miles west of Sullivan, on the 26th day of September, 1829, and died on the 30th of September, 1903. During the latter part of his life he was engaged in the mercantile business, and was very highly respected by all who knew him. He was an earnest Christian worker, and was an elder in his church, at one time the only one holding the office in the church. One of the most cherished possessions in the home of Mrs. Sherman is an old family Bible which has been handed down from generation to generation in the De Baun family and is now in the possession of Samuel De Baun. At his death it descends to the next oldest living relative. The Bible is a Holland edition, for its first possessor lived in that country, and it is supposed to be several hundred years old, by some said to be six hundred years old, and it has been in America for over three hundred years. Mrs. Sherman is a member of the Christian church, and is an earnest and efficient worker in the cause of Christianity.

SAMUEL C. SMOCK, who is farming in Curry township, traces his descent to his great-grandfather on the paternal side, Barnett Smock, whose son, Henry Smock, Sr., and his wife, Anna De Baun, were born in Kentucky and there followed agricultural pursuits. Among their children was Henry Smock, Jr., who was born in Kentucky, June 5, 1806, and before his marriage he came to Sullivan county, Indiana, with his parents, and located in Curry township, where they entered land from the government. He continued as a farmer throughout his entire life and

owned at the time of his death one hundred and ten acres of land. From the Whigs he transferred his political allegiance to the Republican party at the time of the organization of that division, and was a faithful and earnest member of the Christian church. In his early life he married Elizabeth Carruthers, who was born in Kentucky, August 18, 1807, and died on the 4th of February, 1888, in Sullivan county, surviving her husband but three years, for his death occurred on the 30th of April, 1885. He was of Holland descent. In their family were nine children, namely: Nancy J. Nelson, who was born June 11, 1832, and died January 31, 1887; Francis M., born February 1, 1835, died May 22, 1872; William H., born July 27, 1837, went out during the Civil war as a recruit, but did not reach his regiment, and his death occurred on the 10th of April, 1865; Sarah A. Pittman, born November 1, 1841, died June 15, 1891; James B. and John A., twins, born October 29, 1840, died in infancy; Mary A., born December 1, 1839, died in infancy; Samuel C., whose name introduces this review; and Abraham, born August 26, 1846, died February 26, 1905.

On the 11th of August, 1862, Samuel C. Smock enlisted with Company H, Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served as a private until the 12th of June, 1865, in the meantime participating in many of the hard fought battles of the war, including those of Resaca, New Hope Church, Thomson Station, Culp's Farm and Peach Tree Creek. After the war had ended he returned to his home, and after his marriage he rented his father's farm, thus continuing until the death of his father, when he rented fifty-three acres and now owns an estate of ninety-one acres three-quarters of a mile southwest of Farmersburg.

Mr. Smock married, February 1, 1871, Elizabeth Collins, who was born in Hancock county, Indiana, May 28, 1852, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Snyder) Collins, both now deceased. The six children of Mr. and Mrs. Smock are: Ida E. Heck, born November 20, 1871, resides in Jackson township, Sullivan county; Maggy and Mary, twins, born October 5, 1874, but the former died in infancy and the latter is the wife of Ben Gaskins, of Farmersburg; Clella, born July 19, 1878, is the wife of William V. Allen, and is living in Terre Haute; Dora Criss, born June 13, 1881, resides in Farmersburg; and Roy, born December 19, 1885, is teaching school. Mr. Smock votes with the Republican party, and fraternally is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Lodge No. 622, at Farmersburg, in which he has filled all the offices and has represented the order as a delegate to the Grand Lodge. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church.

FRANCIS R. WALLACE has for many years been prominently identified with the agricultural life of Sullivan county, owning a valuable and well improved farm in Curry township, but he was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, January 28, 1826, a son of William and Mary (Reeder) Wallace. The mother was born in England, and coming to the United

States with her parents, William and Mary Reeder, they located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but the father only lived about a year after coming to this country. His life occupation was farming. William Wallace was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and died in Jackson township, Sullivan county, Indiana. He was a millwright as well as farmer, and coming to Hamilton township of this county in 1840, he entered land here at that time and assisted in building the first jail in Sullivan and also the first horse mill in Sullivan county. This mill was located just east of the town of Sullivan, and he also built several other mills here, thus assisting materially in the early development of this community. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, namely: Harriette and Maria, who are deceased; Louisa, who has never married and resides in Curryville; Sarah M. and Henry, who have also passed away; Francis R., who is mentioned later; and Edwin, Charles and Mary Jane, deceased.

After the death of his father, Francis R. Wallace entered eighty acres of land and also reuted an additional twenty-five acres and continued actively identified with the agricultural interests of Curry township until his retirement a few years ago, his children now conducting his farm of two hundred acres.

The marriage of Mr. Wallace was celebrated on the 28th of April, 1864, when Anna Grant became his wife. She is a daughter of Peter Grant, formerly from Scotland. Peter Grant was an educated man and taught in Logan, Ohio, and in Sullivan, Indiana, in both high and common schools. He was educated at Edinburgh, Scotland, and he came to the United States when a young man, having spent a number of weeks in crossing the Atlantic ocean. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace have five living children and all are at home, namely: William H., Anna M., Francis Marion, Caroline and Ada. The family are members of the Presbyterian church, and the children are especially active in the work of that denomination.

LUTHER PATTEN, who is numbered among the prominent farmers of Curry township, was born in Fairbanks township of Sullivan county, October 28, 1866, a son of Milton and a grandson of Miles and Elizabeth (Bundy) Patten, who were prominent early residents of Fairbanks township. Miles Patten was a life-long tiller of the soil, and he came from Ohio to this section of Indiana in an early day in its history.

Milton Patten, their son, was born in Fairbanks township, January 15, 1843, and after attaining to years of maturity on his father's farm and receiving a common school education in the schools of the neighborhood he, in the spring of 1866, bought twenty acres of land and farmed it for three years. Selling the land then he bought forty acres near by, but after ten years on that place sold the land and bought the one hundred and sixty acres in Curry township which he yet owns and lives upon. He married Anna Dilley, but she died in March of 1880, leaving four children: Luther, who is mentioned later; Della Taylor, a resident of Curry township; Ora E., who married Hud Hill and lives in Shelburn;

and Annie Drake, of Fairbanks township. The father was a second time married, wedding Mrs. Lucy (Clark) Hopewell, a daughter of Hamilton and Nancy (All) Clark, who were born in Kentucky. By her first marriage to Sedley M. Hopewell, Mrs. Patten had two children, Sedley M. and Arthur, the latter residing in Farmersburg. Mr. Hopewell was a native son of Sullivan county and one of its life-long farmers, his death occurring here in May of 1880. Mrs. Patten was born September 16, 1848, and both she and her husband are members of the Christian church, and he is a Democrat in politics.

Luther Patten remained at home until his marriage, February 19, 1888, to his step-sister, Nancy Hopewell, who was born November 5, 1869, to Sedley and Lucy Hopewell, and during the first year following their marriage the young couple lived at home. During the two subsequent years they farmed on rented land in Curry township, and Mr. Patten then built on forty acres which belonged to his wife, and that was their home for twelve years. In 1904 they sold their forty-acre tract and bought their present homestead of one hundred acres, located three miles southwest of Farmersburg, and the estate now contains one hundred and twenty-six acres. Mr. Patten carries on both general farming and stock raising.

The three children born of this union are: Ira M., born May 27, 1890, is attending the high school at Farmersburg; Ruth, born February 9, 1897, is a pupil in the public schools; and Esther, born March 14, 1903. Mr. Patten is a Democrat in his political views, and the family are members of the Church of Christ, in which he is serving as a trustee.

JAMES S. BOLINGER, the owner of one of the finest estates in Curry township, has been identified with the agricultural interests of Sullivan county throughout his entire business career, and is one of its most prominent farmers and stock raisers. He was born in Mason county, Kentucky, July 9, 1854, a son of William H. and Victoria (Close) Bolinger, and a grandson of William H., Sr., and Susan Bolinger. The senior Mr. Bolinger was the proprietor of one of the first glass factories of Maysville, Kentucky. Both he and his wife were born in Germany, coming to this country after their marriage, and after disposing of his glass factory he became the owner of a cigar factory, but disposing of this also, he moved to a farm in Mason county and lived there until his death, both he and his wife spending the later years of their lives in the home of their son William.

William H. Bolinger, Jr., was born in Mason county, Kentucky, July 24, 1821, and died April 13, 1906. He remained with his parents until his marriage and then began farming in Mason county, operating the old family homestead, and after the death of his parents he bought the farm of one hundred and thirty acres. In March of 1865 he moved to Hamilton township, Sullivan county, Indiana, purchasing what was then known

as the William McGrew farm of one hundred and seventy-two acres. In 1903 he left this place, and thereafter lived a retired life among his children until his death, dying on the 13th of April, 1906, on the farm on which his son James now resides. He was a member of both the Odd Fellows and Masonic orders, and was a Republican in his political affiliations. He helped to organize the Shelburn Baptist church and became one of its most active and helpful members, serving the congregation in the capacities of deacon and trustee until his good and useful life was ended in death. His wife was also a member of that church. She was born in France, in 1825, and when eight years of age came with her father, Charles Close, and his family to the United States, locating in Maysville, Kentucky, where he became the keeper of the toll gate. The daughter, Mrs. Bolinger, died on the 24th of October, 1889, after becoming the mother of eight children: Carrie, who was born March 20, 1845, married William O. White, and, after his death, Samuel Carruthers, and she died October 6, 1900; John H., born May 31, 1847, married Elizabeth Siner, and lives in Curry township; Charles B., born September 8, 1849, married, first, Barbara Sparks, and, after her death, Mary A. Dix, and his home is in Shelburn; William T., born March 14, 1852, married Arpy Curry and lives in Hamilton township; James S., the subject of this review; Annety, born September 30, 1856, married Grace All and lives in Terre Haute; Frederick J., born January 14, 1859, married Anna Osborn and lives in Curry township; and Edward S., born February 8, 1866, died August 3, 1883.

The early youth of James S. Bolinger was spent on the farm and in school, and after his marriage he lived on a rented farm in Curry township for one year, and then, in 1882, moved to his present homestead, which he rented during the first four years and then purchased. The homestead contains one hundred and sixty acres of rich and fertile land, well improved and cultivated, and he devotes much of his attention to the raising of stock, breeding principally the registered O. I. C. hogs.

The marriage of Mr. Bolinger occurred on the 3d of February, 1881, to Mary A. Chesnut, born in Curry township, October 16, 1858, a daughter of James E. and Lidia A. (Douglas) Chesnut, the father born in Kentucky, April 7, 1833, and the mother in Curry township, April 28, 1833, and both are now living on a farm in Wilson county, Kansas. James E. Chesnut is a son of James E., Sr., and Nancy (Burton) Chesnut, North Carolinians by birth, and they were farming people. The four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bolinger are: William D., born November 30, 1881, married Clennie Jennings and lives in Farmersburg; James E., born December 12, 1886, married Emma Able and resides on his father's farm; Herman, born October 27, 1889, is attending school; and Hazel, born May 8, 1897, is also in school. The Republican party receives Mr. Bolinger's staunch support and co-operation, and he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 420, at Shelburn, in which he has filled all the offices and served as a delegate to the Grand Lodge, and also belongs to the Encampment. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bolinger and one son are members of the Baptist church at Shelburn.

ANDREW THOMSON.—The Thomson family is one of the oldest in Sullivan county, and was founded here by the grandparents of Andrew, Enoch and Lucy (Clark) Thomson, in 1816, the former a native of the state of New York. On arriving in Sullivan county they located in Fairbanks township and entered land there. This was about the time of the admission of the state to the Union, and Enoch Thomson became prominent in the public life of his community, following farming throughout his entire life for a livelihood, and for those early days he was also quite extensively engaged in the raising of stock.

Reuben Thomson, his son, also became prominently identified with the stock interests of Sullivan county, and owned about four hundred acres of land in Fairbanks township. That township was his birthplace, on the 5th of September, 1827, and the scene of his death, on the 24th of December, 1907. His politics were Democratic, and he was very prominent in the public life of his community, and he and his wife were members of the Baptist church. She bore the maiden name of Emily McKinney, and was born in Fairbanks township in 1827, and is now living there with a daughter, aged eighty-three years. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Thomson was blessed by the birth of nine children, of whom six are now living: John, who married Jane Frakes and resides in Curry township; Rachael Trueblood, whose home is in Fairbanks township; Ezra, who married Nancy Lloyd, and their home is in Jackson township; Amanda Able, residing in Turman township; Price, of Fairbanks township; and Andrew.

The last named, Andrew Thomson, was born in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, Indiana, October 14, 1865, and he remained at home and worked on the farm until his marriage, which occurred on the 24th of July, 1886, to Myra Pittman, who was born on the 9th of March, 1866, also in Fairbanks township, a daughter of David and Sarah Pittman, both now deceased. The young couple spent the first four years of their married life on her father's farm, but in 1890 Mr. Thomson bought the farm where he now lives, three and a half miles west of Farmersburg, in Curry township. The homestead contains two hundred and thirty acres of rich and fertile land, and in addition he also owns property in Farmersburg. During the past two years he has lived retired from an active business life, and in 1905 he and his wife went to Arizona in search of renewed health, returning in 1907, and he has been here ever since, but on the 17th of January, 1908, the wife died, leaving her husband and three small children, namely: Audie, born April 9, 1893; Clare, born December 29, 1896; and Velsie, born December 10, 1902. She was buried at the Drake cemetery at Fairbanks. She was a prominent and worthy member of the Baptist church, as is also Mr. Thomson, who is prominent in the public, social and business life of his township and is a Democrat politically.

ALBERT M. LANE.—Curry township numbers among its prominent farmers and stock raisers Albert M. Lane, who was born in Washington county, Indiana, November 5, 1854, a son of Charles and Christena (Lee)

Lane, born respectively in Kentucky, in February, 1817, and in Barringer county, North Carolina, in 1812. Charles Lane was a son of Joel Lane, who was born in Kentucky, but moved with his parents to Washington county, Indiana, when twelve years of age, and in 1865 he came to Curry township, and, purchasing eighty acres of land, spent the remainder of his life here. Christena Lane was a daughter of James Lee, who was of English birth, and came from North Carolina to Washington county, Indiana, in 1815, and spent the remainder of his life there. He was a slave owner in North Carolina, but sold his negroes before coming to Indiana, where he was the owner of estate of four hundred acres at the time of his death. Charles Lane was a farmer throughout his lifetime, owning an estate of forty acres in Curry township at the time of his death, which occurred in July of 1892, his wife surviving him until March of 1902.

Albert M. Lane was their only child, and he remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he bought eighty acres in Gill township. After six years there he sold that land and bought his present homestead farm of sixty acres, and he also owns twenty acres two miles east of Shelburn, where he has conducted a saw mill since 1902.

Mr. Lane married, November 13, 1881, Jennie Curtis, who was born in Hamilton township of Sullivan county, February 15, 1864, a daughter of James R. and Olive J. Curtis, who are living in Gill township, and she is a granddaughter of Gideon and Elizabeth Curtis, natives respectively of Maryland and North Carolina, and of William and Lucy Mooney, who are living in Lafayette, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Lane have two children, Leola, born October 8, 1886, and Elma, born November 5, 1892. The wife and mother is a member of the Christian church. Mr. Lane gives his political support to the Republican party.

JAMES H. CONNER, one of Curry township's farmers and stock raisers, was born in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, Indiana, April 21, 1873, a son of Isaac and Mahala (Severns) Conner. Immediately after their marriage they came from Ohio to Sullivan county, Indiana, locating one mile northwest of the town of Sullivan, where the husband and father entered eighty acres of land in the dense woods. After a time he traded that farm for the place where his widow now resides, owning two hundred and seventy-eight acres in that farm and two hundred and eighty acres in another tract, all in Hamilton township. He was one of the most prosperous agriculturists of the community, and his was one of the best stock farms in the county. He was well known and honored in the community in which he so long made his home, a staunch Democrat and an active political worker, and he died at his home in Hamilton township June 25, 1902, being laid to rest in Wall's cemetery. He was born in Holmes county, Ohio, in 1833, and his wife was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, and, as above stated, is now living at her home northwest of Sullivan. She is an earnest and faithful member of the Christian church, as was

also her husband, and he assisted in the erection of many of the houses of worship in this community. They raised a large family of ten children, as follows: Frank, who married Martha Barnes and resides in Sullivan; Eva and Emma, twins, but the latter died at the age of thirty years, while the former married John Wilson and is living in Turman township; Samuel, who married Stella Marts and is living in Hamilton township; Flora, the wife of John Woodward, of Hamilton township; Stewart, who is with his mother; Lou, wife of Frank Wible, of Sullivan; James H., who is mentioned later; Gertrude, the wife of J. H. Parks, of Sullivan; and Myrtle, who became the wife of Ben Mattix and is living in Hamilton township.

James H. Conner remained at home and worked with his father until his marriage, and after that event he continued to farm the old homestead for four years, when he went to Terre Haute and for two years was employed on public works there. Returning at the close of that period to his mother's farm, he lived there for one year and then located on a farm four miles northwest of Sullivan, and from there in 1907 he came to his present homestead one and a half miles northeast of Shelburn, which he purchased at that time. The farm contains eighty-two acres of excellent and well improved land, and Mr. Conner is engaged in both grain and stock farming.

On the 1st of November, 1896, he was married to Maud Dailey, a native of Paxton, Indiana, born January 9, 1880, a daughter of John and Martha (Arnett) Dailey, and a granddaughter of John Dailey and E. W. and Martha (Purcell) Arnett. Mrs. Conner's great-grandmother, Nellie Purcell, was born and reared in Sullivan county, and is now the oldest living representative of five generations of her family, and her home is in Paxton. E. W. Arnett survives his wife and is living on a farm north of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Conner have two children, Isaac Leland and Leo D., born respectively March 25, 1898, and June 26, 1901, and both are attending school. Mr. and Mrs. Conner hold to the religion of the Christian church, and he is a staunch supporter of Democratic principles.

ELI C. BOLES, an agriculturist of Curry township, Sullivan county, was born in Hamilton township of this county December 16, 1845, and is a member of one of the county's oldest families. His paternal grandfather, Edmond Boles, Sr., was a native of Virginia, but soon after his marriage he came to Sullivan county and became enrolled among its earliest pioneers. He was a farmer throughout his entire business career, and died on the land which he entered here.

Edmond Boles, Jr., his son and namesake, was born in Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, about 1832, and was reared to the life of an agriculturist here. After his marriage he rented land for about a year and then bought a farm of forty acres in Turman township, but selling that tract he became the owner of another farm of one hundred and sixty acres in the same township. In August of 1862 he enlisted with the

Seventy-first Indiana Regiment, Company I, as a private, for service in the Civil war, and he continued as a brave and loyal soldier until his honorable discharge in June of 1865, in the meantime having been captured at Muldraugh Hill, Kentucky. Among the battles in which he participated were those of Atlanta and Nashville, and following the close of his war period he returned to his farm in Sullivan county and continued to reside there until his death in 1899. He was a staunch Republican politically and an earnest member of the Christian church. His wife, nee Jemima Bundy, was born in North Carolina, but came to Indiana with her parents when she was a child. In their family were seven children: Eli C., who is mentioned later; William R., a resident of Cass township, Sullivan county; Myra F., the wife of a Mr. Swift, and they reside on the home farm in Turman township; Caleb, whose home is in Texas; Commodore, also of Turman township; Lew. W., who resides in Sullivan; and Jennie Whitman, also of Sullivan.

Eli C. Boles, remained on the home farm with his parents until his marriage, and then establishing a home of his own he rented for two years, or until he bought eighty acres of land in Turman township, which was his home for twelve years. He then became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres on the county line, but after two years he traded the land for one hundred and twenty acres where he now lives, two and a half miles northeast of Shelburn, in Curry township. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and is active in both the business and public life of his community.

On the 24th of December, 1879, Mr. Boles was married to Josephine Brown, a daughter of Perry and Caroline Brown, who are now living in Turman township. Five children have been born of this union, namely: Arthur, who married Minnie Rook, by whom he has one child, Aurilla Josephine, and the family reside in Harrisburg; Edgar and Ernest, at home; Oscar, who is attending school; and Maud, a stenographer in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Boles are members of the Christian church.

ELIAS G. DENNEY, who is farming one of the valuable homestead farms of Curry township, is a son of John W. S. and Sarah (Gaskins) Denney, and was born in Curry township June 14, 1853. John W. S. Denney was born December 9, 1809, in Kentucky, and in his early manhood he went from that state to Monroe county, Indiana, with his father, William Denney, who lived the remainder of his life in that county. The son was there married, and about 1850, with his young wife, he came to Curry township and entered eighty acres of land two miles west of Farmersburg, but, selling that tract, went to Vigo county, this state, in 1867, and bought eighty acres, which he sold in 1881, and returning to Curry township, bought the old Spencer farm of one hundred and thirty-four acres, two and a half miles northwest of Shelburn. After disposing of that farm he retired from an active business life and lived among his children until his death in January of 1889. He was a Republican, and

both he and his wife were members of the Methodist church. She was born in Washington county, Indiana, April 6, 1816, and died on the 3d of March, 1890, in Fairbanks township. There were eleven children in their family, namely: William, who is residing in Sullivan; Mary Cowen, deceased; Margaret Mitchell, of Middletown; Elizabeth Pogue, also of Middletown; John, whose home is in Farmersburg; America B. Mitchell, deceased; Rose Dilley, of Fairbanks; Elias G., who is mentioned later; Emeline Watson, deceased; Samuel, of Chicago, Illinois; and E. Clay, a resident of Springfield, Illinois.

Passing from the common schools to the seminary at Farmersburg, Elias G. Denney received a good educational training and for five years was a school teacher. After his marriage he bought eighty-five acres of the farm where he now lives, two and a half miles north of Shelburn, and later added thirty-five acres to his original purchase, thus increasing the boundaries of his farm to one hundred and twenty acres, one of the best improved estates in the township, and he is engaged in both grain and stock farming.

On the 9th of February, 1878, Mr. Denney was married to Mary Dilley, who was born in Fairbanks township of Sullivan county October 31, 1856, a daughter of Jonathan R. and Adeline (Henry) Dilley, both of whom were born in Kentucky, and both are now deceased. The father was a life-long farmer, and during the Civil war he served for three years in Company I, Seventy-first Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving under Grant. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Denney, namely: Grace, who was born in Curry township, May 26, 1879, married William Bennett; James G., born March 21, 1881, is the cashier at the interurban station in Terre Haute; Baxter, born August 29, 1883, is teaching school; Wade, born March 4, 1889, is at home; Gertrude, born January 15, 1894, is attending school; and one, the fourth born, died in infancy. Mr. Denney votes with the Republican party. He is an earnest and faithful member of the Church of Christ, as is also his wife, and he has preached the gospel during the past twenty years. His path has been ever upward through life, and he is numbered among the truest and best citizens of Curry township.

CORA A. CASE is a native daughter of Sullivan county, born on the 14th of October, 1868, and she is a member of one of its best known and most honored families. She is a daughter of William F. and Jane C. (Boone) Case and a granddaughter of James and Elizabeth Case, both of whom were born in Kentucky. Coming to Sullivan county, Indiana, they located in Curry township about the year 1820, and entered land from the government, becoming in time prominent farming people of the county. There were ten children in their family who grew to years of maturity, seven sons and three daughters, namely: Hiram, Daniel, John, George, Fannie A., James, Sarah, Alfred, Cynthia J. and William, all now deceased. The father and all of his sons with the exception of John

served in the Civil war, and James, Sr., George and Hiram were members of the Eighty-fifth Regiment.

William Case served with the Thirty-first Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded once during his army career. After the war he came to Sullivan and worked at the saddlery trade until about 1870, when he bought a farm of seventy-seven acres in Jackson township, and lived there until his retirement and removal to Terre Haute in 1900, which was his home until his death in 1902, on the 20th of June. He was born on the 19th of December, 1834, in Hamilton township, and his life of usefulness and honor covered many years in Sullivan county. Mrs. Case was born in Gill township on the 26th of July, 1835, and their union was blessed by the birth of the following children: Henry, who was born May 17, 1858, and is living in Wellington, Kansas; Lana B., born December 3, 1859, resides in Jackson township; Mary, born November 8, 1861, died December 4, 1864; William M., born October 28, 1864, resides in Jackson township; Sarah J., born October 26, 1866, is a resident of Terre Haute; Cora A., who is mentioned below; Mary M., born July 30, 1871, died September 17, 1872; Daniel, born February 3, 1873, resides in Terre Haute; and Fred, born November 1, 1875, is a resident of Vigo county, Indiana.

Cora A. Case passed from the district schools and those of Sullivan to the state normal at Terre Haute, and after completing her studies there she taught for fifteen years. In 1892 she bought forty acres of land in this county, to which she later added a tract of thirty-seven acres, but in 1903 she sold that farm and bought the place where she now resides, three miles west of Shelburn in Curry township. Her farm contains one hundred and sixteen acres of rich and fertile land, and she oversees the work of the entire tract and raises a great deal of stock. She is a lady whom to know is to honor and respect.

JAMES H. STUCK, a prominent farmer in Curry township, was born in this township May 23, 1858, and on the paternal side is a descendant of an old southern family from Kentucky and a grandson of William and Polly (Smock) Stuck. The grandfather came from his native state of Kentucky to Sullivan county, Indiana, during an early epoch in its history, and he was a millwright and farmer.

Henry Stuck, a son of William and Polly Stuck, was born after the removal of his parents to Sullivan county, and when the Civil war was inaugurated he became a member of the Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but his death occurred shortly after his enlistment. In his early manhood he had married Sarah E. Vest, a daughter of John and Polly (Johns) Vest. John Vest, who followed both carpentering and house moving, lived for a time in Boone county, Indiana, from whence he later came to Sullivan county and finally became a resident of Terre Haute. From there he went to Kansas, to the home of one of his daugh-

ters, and died there at the age of ninety-five years. Mrs. Stuck still survives her husband and is living in Terre Haute.

James H. Stuck, the only one living of the four children born to Henry and Sarah Stuck, supplemented his common school training by a course in the seminary at Farmersburg, and when the time came to select a life's occupation he chose that of farming. After his marriage he purchased and moved to a farm in Jackson township of sixty acres, but in 1894 he sold that tract and bought forty-eight acres in Curry township. There he lived and farmed until after the death of Mrs. Stuck's mother, and from that time until 1905 he lived on the Hill farm. In that year he purchased fifteen acres of his present homestead, but he has since added to this little farm from time to time until he now owns eighty-three acres, located one mile west of Shelburn.

He married, July 22, 1880, Mallie Hill, who was born in Curry township November 27, 1860, a daughter of Paschal and Lettie Hill. They have two children, Effie E. and Zula M., born respectively June 10, 1887, and April 10, 1897. The younger daughter is now attending the public schools. Mr. Stuck is a staunch Republican politically, and fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Shelburn Lodge, No. 420, and the Encampment, and of the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 3744, at Farmersburg. He is a member of the Baptist church.

PERLEY M. HAYWORTH, a farmer and stockraiser in Curry township, Sullivan county, is a native of Vigo county, Indiana, born October 22, 1863, a son of Albert and Julia (Rowe) Hayworth, both of whom were natives of Vigo county. Albert was the son of Sanford and Elizabeth (Smith) Hayworth, and they were natives of South Carolina. Sanford Hayworth was a Methodist minister and also followed farm life. He came to Vigo county immediately after his marriage, in about 1838, entering a tract of government land, and started to till the soil. Later he entered the ministry. Albert was the only son who remained at home with his father until his marriage, after which event he went onto one of his father's farms in Vigo county and lived there until his death, in August, 1887. He was a very extensive stock raiser and highly successful as a farmer, owning two hundred and fifty acres of choice land, all within Vigo county. Perley M. is one of the two children born to his parents, who are now living. His sister, Mary L., was born August 28, 1873, and now resides in Terre Haute, the wife of W. J. Smith.

Perley M. Hayworth obtained a common school education by attending school winters and farming summers. He was united in marriage December 4, 1884, to Media Hess, born October 16, 1861, in Vigo county, the daughter of Washington and Malinda (Killian) Hess, now deceased. Mr. Hayworth stayed at his father's home after his marriage until the death of his father. He then purchased thirty-five acres near his father's, and there began housekeeping in a log house, in which he lived until 1899, then moved to Terre Haute and resided there until 1900. At the last

named time he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Curry township, Sullivan county. Here he erected in 1905 a fine modern farmhouse, with all needful outbuildings, making the entire premises one of the most up-to-date within the township. Besides his general farming he raises and sells much stock, especially hogs. In addition to the revenue derived from his farm, Mr. Hayworth is a stockholder in the Citizens' State Bank at Farmersburg.

In stature Mr. Hayworth is the largest man within Sullivan county, his weight being three hundred and sixty-five pounds, while his height is six feet and two inches, yet he is an active, energetic man, possessed of a robust constitution. In his political views he is a Republican. He was elected trustee of Curry township in 1904, being the first man in this political party to be elected to office within the township on a strict party vote. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging at Farmersburg, and also belongs to the Elks and Eagles at Sullivan. Of the strict secret societies he is a member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias orders. In church relations he is in sympathy with, though not a member of, the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is a member in full connection.

Mr. Hayworth was married, as above referred to, in 1884, and their children are: Dudley B., born February 8, 1891; Albert W., born July 8, 1892; Audrey G., born February 26, 1899, all born in Vigo county, Indiana, and all at home at this time.

SAMPSON WALTERS.—Prominent among the thriving and progressive agriculturists of Sullivan county is Sampson Walters, who displays much judgment and skill in his calling, his farm being one of the most valuable and attractive of any in Haddon township, everything about the premises indicating the care and supervision of an excellent manager, and a thorough-going farmer. A son of Sampson Walter, Sr., he was born February 21, 1862, in Cass township. His grandfather, Frank Walters, came from his Kentucky home to Indiana in 1837, and spent the remainder of his life in Sullivan county.

A native of Kentucky, Sampson Walters, Sr., was born January 22, 1827, near Lexington, where he lived until ten years old. Coming with his parents to Sullivan county, Indiana, he assisted his father in clearing and improving a homestead from the forest. Becoming then a farmer from choice, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, in Cass township, March 28, 1890. He married Elizabeth Simpson, who was born January 20, 1825, in Sullivan county, Indiana, of English ancestry. She survived him, and is now residing in Greene county. She is a member of the Church of Christ, to which her husband also belonged. Six children were born of their union, namely: Courtney, deceased; John, a resident of Sullivan county; Elizabeth, wife of James Decard, of Greene county; Francis E., deceased; Mary Ann, wife of Louis Saucer-man, of Sullivan county; and Sampson, of this sketch.

Growing to manhood on the home farm, Sampson Walters was educated in the district schools, and until twenty-two years of age assisted his father, under whose instruction he became well drilled in the various branches of agriculture. Beginning the battle of life, then, on his own account, Mr. Walters purchased the farm on which he now lives, in Haddon township, and in its management has had excellent success, having now in his possession five hundred acres of choice land, admirably adapted to general farming and stock raising. He deals quite extensively in stock, making a specialty of hogs, cattle and sheep, an industry which he finds profitable. He has in his possession one of the oldest deeds in Sullivan county. It is dated June 6, 1827, and was executed by President John Quincy Adams. Mr. Walters is a man of good business capacity, alive to the interests of the rural community, and is one of the stockholders in the Carlisle Telephone Company, which he helped to organize. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party.

Mr. Walters married April 14, 1886, Permelia A. Land, who was born in Haddon township, Sullivan county, February 22, 1864, a daughter of James R. and Sarah A. (McKinley) Land, neither of whom are now living. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Walters, namely: Edward E., born February 3, 1887, was graduated from the Carlisle high school in 1906, and is now attending the Indiana University at Bloomington; Jesse N., born May 17, 1888, is a student in the Carlisle high school, being a member of the class of 1909; and Maude, born June 6, 1892, attends the Carlisle high school, belonging to the class of 1911; she has received both a vocal and instrumental musical education. Mr. and Mrs. Walters are highly respected throughout the community in which they reside, and are worthy and valued members of the Church of Christ, of Paxton, Indiana.

U. ELLERY HAYDEN.—Sullivan county was the birthplace of U. Ellery Hayden, on the 1st of May, 1863, in Turman township, and it has been the scene of his subsequent business career. He is a son of Daniel J. and Sarah (Gray) Hayden, the former of whom was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, and the latter where the east portion of Sullivan has since been built. Daniel J. Hayden came to Indiana before the inauguration of the Civil war, and he worked at the blacksmith's trade in Sullivan and finally, about 1851, he began farming in connection with his trade, continuing both occupations there until about 1862, when he moved to Turman township and continued his residence there until his death in about 1892. The wife and mother is still living and resides with her son William, north of Sullivan, having reached the age of seventy-five years. In the Hayden family were seven children, namely: Mary E., deceased; John J., who resides on the old home farm in Turman township; William T., who has never married, and lives with his mother at the old home-stead; U. Ellery, the subject of this review; Julia E. Patton, whose home is in Turman township; Ural, near the old home farm in Turman township; and one who died in infancy.

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U. Ellery Hayden continued to reside with his parents until he had attained his twenty-ninth year, and he then married and started in life for himself by renting a farm, but after one year as a renter in Turman township he bought the farm where he now lives in Curry township. Although he carries on general farming pursuits, he makes a specialty of the raising of Chester White hogs and has been very successful in this line of business. His land is divided, his homestead consisting of seventy-five acres in Curry township, and he also owns seventy-seven acres in Turman township, forty acres in Hamilton township, and forty acres in Jackson township, but he farms all his land himself, and is a prominent and progressive agriculturist.

On the 1st of March, 1891, Mr. Hayden was united in marriage to Lillian B. Dodd, who was born in Illinois, July 28, 1868, and her father became one of the early settlers of Sullivan county. The children born of this union are Forest A. and Fannie O., the elder born December 22, 1892, and is at home, but the younger, born April 17, 1895, died April 7, 1896. The wife and mother is also deceased, dying September 7, 1896, and on the 29th of December, 1897, Mr. Hayden wedded Josie Shepherd, who was born in Jackson township, and her people were of Irish descent and among the oldest residents of that township. Her mother still lives on the old homestead near Hymera, but the father is deceased. The second union has been without issue. Mr. Hayden is a member of the Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 584, at Graysville, and he has served in all the offices of that lodge and has twice served as a delegate to the Grand Lodge. He was a delegate to the famous convention at Chicago which secured four hundred and fifty dollars of prize money. He is a member of the Baptist church and is a staunch and active Prohibitionist.

WILLIAM A. NELSON.—The name of William A. Nelson has been long and prominently associated with the agricultural interests of Sullivan county. He was born in Honey Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, April 7, 1833, a son of John J. and Emilia (Cruse) Nelson, both of whom were born in Kentucky. Coming to Vigo county in 1823, they lived there until their removal to Curry township in Sullivan county in 1838, enrolling their names among the county's earliest pioneers. Mr. Nelson became prominently known as a farmer and hunter, farming the tract of one hundred and twenty acres which he entered from the government and the subsequent additions of eighty and forty acres each, thus making him the owner of two hundred and forty acres. Six children were born to John J. and Emilia Nelson, as follows: Mary A., James and Susan, deceased; William A., the subject of this review; Eliza J., deceased; and Margaret E. Williams, whose home is in Kansas.

After his marriage William A. Nelson was given forty acres of land by his father, and he farmed that little tract for two years, in that time also conducting a huckster wagon. In the spring of 1864 he laid aside his business duties to become a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting on the 10th

of October, in Company C, First Indiana Heavy Artillery, and he was discharged on the 10th of October, 1865, after participating in the one battle of Fort Spanish. Returning after the close of the conflict to his little farm in Sullivan county, he again began running his huckster wagon and finally purchased a threshing machine and continued its operation until his retirement in 1891. He is now the owner of a farm of forty-seven acres of rich and fertile land.

On the 30th of October, 1856, Mr. Nelson was married to Armilda A. Shoemaker, who was born on the farm on which she now resides, November 27, 1842, and to their union has been born five children: John T., deceased; Hattie Frakes, of Shelburn; William A., Jr., who married Alice Harris and resides in Curry township; Lucetta Frakes, of Fairbanks township; and Ozro, at home with his parents. Mr. Nelson is a member of Gaskin Post, G. A. R., at Farmersburg, and in compensation for his army services he now receives a pension from the government of twenty dollars a month. He is a staunch Republican in his political affiliations, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church.

EARL PATTEN, one of the best known and most prominent of the younger residents of Shelburn, was born in the city where he now resides, April 11, 1870, a son of Isaac and Jane (Pugh) Patten. The father was born in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, in 1829, and is now living near Graysville, in this state, while the mother was born in Fairbanks township in 1833 and died in Shelburn on the 31st of August, 1884. She now lies buried in the Littleflock cemetery. Her parents, John and Mahala (Harris) Pugh, came to this county from Kentucky and located on the farm which they entered from the government in Fairbanks township. The father was a flatboatman as well as farmer, sailing down the Wabash, Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans, his death occurring at Evansville, Indiana, on one of his return trips, and he was buried there. Of the eleven children born to Isaac and Jane (Pugh) Patten, five are now living: Isaac, Jr., whose home is in Shelburn; John W. and Ira, who are also residing in Shelburn; William G., of Missouri; and Earl.

Earl Patten started out to battle for himself when but eleven years of age, working for a brother in the grocery business, and for two years following this was in the employ of Robert Linn, a general merchant. Returning then to the store of his brother John, he worked for him until his enlistment in the United States army as a musician of the Fifteenth Infantry, in 1892. He served two years and was honorably discharged on the 4th of June, 1894, and during his service in the army he was qualified as a sharpshooter, in 1893. After the close of his military career he again entered the employ of his brother John and continued with him until he embarked in the clothing business with Harry Banister in 1904, the firm of Patten & Banister continuing for a year, when Mr. Patten sold his interest to his partner, and during the following years was in the grocery and meat market business. On the 25th of July, 1905, he entered the

employ of the Kettle Creek Mining Company in the capacity of a book-keeper, and served in that capacity until October, 1908, when he was promoted to superintendent of the mines. Mr. Patten was obliged to leave school when a little lad of eleven years, but despite this disadvantage he continued his studies and never missed a day of school while in the army. He has thus been the architect of his own fortunes from early youth, and is rapidly winning for himself a name and place in the front ranks of the business men of Sullivan county. His politics are Democratic, a staunch supporter of the principles, and as the representative of this party he was made the clerk and treasurer of Shelburn, taking charge of those offices on the 1st of January, 1900, and his term of office will continue until the 1st of January, 1910.

On the 1st of January, 1900, Mr. Patten was married to Mayme Banister, born January 22, 1877, to George and Mary (Dix) Banister, and the one child of this union is Georgia Carmen, born on the 13th of October, 1901. Mr. Patten has fraternal relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Prairie Lodge, No. 420, at Shelburn, and he is identified with all its branches and twice served as a delegate to the Grand Lodge. Mrs. Patten also served as a delegate to its auxiliary, the Rebekahs, in 1901. Mr. Patten is a member of the Utah Tribe of Red Men at Sherman. Religiously, they are attendants of the Christian church, and Mrs. Patten is a member of that denomination.

CHARLES E. BREWER has been for many years prominent in the public and business life of Sullivan county, and is now one of the leading undertakers of Shelburn, as well as the coroner of the county, having been elected to that office over a year ago. He entered upon his successful business career when a boy of thirteen years, as an apprentice in a carriage and wagon shop, working in the shop nights and mornings and during vacations, while during the remainder of the time he was in school. He continued thus engaged until he was twenty-two, when he went to Monument, Colorado, and engaged in the furniture and undertaking business with his brother-in-law. During his residence there he learned the undertaking business in all its departments, and returning home after an absence of six years he went to Indianapolis and opened and conducted a carriage shop of his own for four years. Returning thence to Hymera in this county, he was the proprietor of a carriage and repair shop here for eight years, and at the close of that period, in 1902, he came to Shelburn and opened a furniture and undertaking business, but at the present time gives attention exclusively to the latter department.

Mr. Brewer was born in Johnson county, Indiana, May 18, 1861, a son of John C. and Anna (Cummingoer) Brewer, and a grandson of Abram Brewer, who was born in 1790 and died on the 12th of March, 1873. On coming to Indiana he entered land in Johnson county, and became the proprietor of a hotel on the Madison and Indianapolis road, spending the remainder of his life there. His son, John C., born in

Mercer county, Kentucky, January 8, 1820, opened a hotel in Greenwood in 1860, and continued the hotel in connection with his farm until his death, January 23, 1874, passing away in the faith of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Brewer was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, March 20, 1825, and she died in 1896. In their family were eight children, namely: Arena, deceased, born March 26, 1846; Lizzie, born August 29, 1849, resides in Colorado; Laura J., deceased, was born February 3, 1851; Marcella, born January 17, 1854, resides in Greenwood, Indiana; Eldora, born January 11, 1856, is deceased; Laura M., born December 29, 1857, resides in Indianapolis; Charles E., the subject of this review; and Edward, born July 3, 1864, resides near Greenwood.

On the 8th of March, 1882, Mr. Brewer was united in marriage to Lillian Miller, who was born December 18, 1864, a daughter of Dr. Abram Miller, of Whiteland, Indiana. She died on the 17th of March, 1891, at Hymera, leaving four children, as follows: Ruby P., the wife of W. B. Bonham, of Hymera; Freeda, born in October, 1885, is now traveling for the J. C. Curtis & Company undertaking supply house; John C., born June 9, 1887, is at home and is working for his father; and Anna May, born December 22, 1895, is a student in the St. Joseph Academy at Terre Haute. On the 17th of April, 1904, Mr. Brewer wedded Luna L. Conover, who was born in February of 1858. Mr. Brewer is an active political worker, voting with the Democracy, and he is a member of the Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 603, at Hymera; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 911, at Sullivan; and the Knights and Ladies of Security, in Terre Haute. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and he is serving as one of the directors of his church.

WILLIAM A. FORDYCE, the present postmaster of Shelburn, has been identified with the interests of Sullivan county throughout his entire life, for he was born within its borders, in Fairbanks township, and here he has since lived and labored. After completing his education in the district schools and in those of Shelburn, he began the study of telegraphy in this city and continued in that occupation until 1892. During the following four years he was at home on account of ill health, and at the close of that period he was appointed the postmaster of Shelburn, and has ever since continued in that official capacity. He is a staunch Republican politically.

Mr. Fordyce is a representative of a family who have long resided in Sullivan county, and it was founded here by his paternal grandparents, Lewis and Elizabeth (Case) Fordyce. Lewis Fordyce was a farmer, and after coming to Sullivan county he was elected a justice of the peace and became prominent in the public life of his community. His political affiliations were with the Democracy. Lewis Fordyce was born in Washington county, Indiana, May 17, 1816, was married in that county, to Elizabeth Case, May 20, 1838, and after living for some years in Orange

county, where he held minor offices, he moved to Fairbanks, this county, and in 1869 took up his residence at the county seat. He died February 28, 1874, after a long illness.

Among the children of Lewis and Elizabeth Fordyce was William A., Sr., who was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, but came to Fairbanks township in Sullivan county about 1860 and spent the remainder of his life here, dying in 1865, when his son and namesake was but a year old. He was a farmer and cabinetmaker, and was working at his trade at the time of his death. In his early manhood he had married Francis J. Griffin, who was born about 1844, in Honey Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, a daughter of William and Amelia (Hanna) Griffin. William H. Griffin owned and operated a tanyard near the old Budd place in Honey Creek township for many years, but later on moved to Fairbanks township in Sullivan county, and opened and conducted a harness shop. In 1866 he was elected the treasurer of Sullivan county and moved to the city of Sullivan, continuing in that office for two terms, but he maintained his residence in Sullivan until his life's labors were ended in death. During a number of years previous to his death he was engaged in the poultry and produce business in Princeton, Indiana.

After the death of Mr. Fordyce his widow married Dr. James A. Harper, and her death occurred on the 1st of September, 1900. Dr. Harper is now living in Shelburn, and his home is also the home of William A. Fordyce, who is the younger of his mother's two children by her first marriage, but his brother Elmer died when seven years of age. Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Harper, namely: Gertrude Froment and Georgia Bardsley, both living in Shelburn, and Grace, who is at home with her father.

Mr. Fordyce has membership relations with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, Council No. 69, in the lodge at Shelburn, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 911, of Sullivan, Indiana; with Eutaw Tribe, I. O. R. M., No. 213, at Shelburn, and also the Junior Order at Sullivan. He holds to the belief of the Church of Christ. He holds high rank in the political and business circles of Sullivan county, and is one of the property owners of Shelburn, where he owns about six and a half acres in lots.

RICHARD B. DOUGLAS, M. D., is a member of one of the first families to establish their home in Sullivan county, and from the early days until the present the name of Douglas has been inseparably associated with its history. His father, Samuel Douglas, was born in Curry township, and the scene of his birth has been the field of his subsequent operations and his present residence, three miles west of Shelburn. Samuel is a son of Benson and Eliza (Dawson) Douglas, natives respectively of Curry township and of Vigo county, Indiana. Benson was a son of Samuel, who was also a native son of Curry township, and he served through the Civil war as a private. The earlier generations of the family followed agricultural pursuits for a livelihood.

Samuel Douglas, Jr., is now living retired from an active business life, owning a fine estate of one hundred acres. His wife, Nancy M. (Smith) Douglas, was born in Sullivan county, and died in May of 1905, after becoming the mother of two children, both of whom have embraced a professional life, and the younger, Perry, is practicing law in Terre Haute. He married Sarah Wolf. Samuel Douglas, the father, is a staunch Democrat in his political affiliations, and is a member of the Masonic lodge at Shelburn, No. 369, and of the Methodist church.

Richard B. Douglas was born in Curry township, Sullivan county, Indiana, February 17, 1876, and after receiving a common school education taught school for five years. In 1898 he became a student in the Eclectic Medical College, where he studied for three years, and during one year was a student in the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons at Indianapolis. Returning to Shelburn after the completion of his medical training, he opened an office here and has ever since been engaged in practice, enjoying a large and representative clientele. His politics are Democratic, and he was nominated and elected by the party for the office of trustee, while from 1900 for four years he served as the assessor of Curry township. He is the medical examiner for the Modern American Lodge, and is a member of the Indiana Eclectic Medical Association, the Sullivan and Vigo Counties Medical Association, and is an honorary member of the Illinois Eclectic Medical Association. His fraternal relations are with the Masonic order, Lodge No. 369, at Shelburn; with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 420, also of this city, and with the Eagles, at Sullivan. His religious views are in harmony with the teachings of the Christian church.

Dr. Douglas is married and has two children: Harry, born April 25, 1899, now attending school, and Blanche, born June 22, 1903.

PHILIP T. LLOYD, the proprietor of the Shelburn Lumber Company, was born in Curry township, Sullivan county, Indiana, December 12, 1854, a son of John G. and Elizabeth (Chowning) Lloyd. John G. Lloyd was born in Kentucky in 1832, and was a farmer throughout his entire business career, but is now living retired. He was but three years of age when he came with his parents, Philip and Anna Lloyd, from Kentucky to Indiana, and since then he has been living principally on a farm in Curry township. He served twelve months in the Civil war with the Twenty-first Indiana Heavy Artillery, and participated in the memorable siege of Mobile for ten days and nights, and in compensation for his services in the war he now draws a pension of eighteen dollars a month. His wife bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Chowning, a native of Kentucky, and she died in February, 1893, in Curry township.

Philip T. Lloyd, their son, started out on his business career as a farm hand, thus continuing until his marriage on the 3d of February, 1881, to Alice Shields, who was born in Hamilton township of Sullivan county, May 6, 1859, a daughter of Henry and Mary A. Shields. She

died on the 3d of May, 1892, leaving her husband and three children: Clevy H., born July 28, 1882, who resides in Shelburn with his father; Anna O., born October 12, 1883, married Harry E. Allen, who is in the employ of his father-in-law and lives in Shelburn, and they have one child, Mary Lucile, born December 5, 1907; and Albert G., born February 28, 1885, is attending school at a Bible Reading in Peace Creek, Kansas, near Sylvia. He is a member of the Church of Christ. On the 19th of March, 1893, Mr. Lloyd wedded Mary E. McKenzie, born in Curry township in 1859, a daughter of Edward McKenzie. There are no living children by this union.

After his first marriage Mr. Lloyd rented and moved to a farm of eighty acres, and here he has lived for twenty-four years, the property being now in West Shelburn. In 1903 he opened a lumber yard in Shelburn, and two years later, in 1905, bought the property of one of his competitors, A. T. Hill, while in 1907 he became the owner of the Shelburn Lumber Company, one of the well-known business institutions of Sullivan county. He is also the president of the Central Mutual Telephone Company, and his political affiliations are with the Republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd and his children are members of the Church of Christ, and he is one of the elders of old Liberty Congregation.

JOHN C. ANNIS is a representative of two of the most prominent of the early families of Sullivan county, and he has won for himself a place among the leading business men of Shelburn. He entered upon his business career as an engineer, but later became a bookkeeper for his father, this being in 1876, when the elder Mr. Annis first came to Shelburn, and at the time of his removal to Terre Haute the son accompanied him and they were in business together for one year. Returning thence to Shelburn he was in the employ of Stephen Bracewell, a general merchant, until 1886, from that time until 1890 was connected with the coal industry, and in the latter year took charge of the Curryville store and conducted it until the latter part of 1892. At the expiration of that period he began work as top foreman for the Curryville mine, in 1900 became connected with the Star City mine in the capacity of a carpenter, and during the years of 1902, 1903 and 1904 he was the bookkeeper for the Keystone Coal Company at Shelburn. Since 1904 Mr. Annis has been the proprietor of a feed store in this city, buying in that year the business of N. O. Robbins, and in connection with this he also does a large transfer business. A stanch Democrat politically, he has served for five or six terms as a member of the town board and during eight years was the clerk and treasurer of Shelburn.

Mr. Annis was born in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, April 27, 1854, a son of Abraham and Armilda (Hopewell) Annis, both of whom were born in Kentucky, the father in 1832, and his death occurred in 1884, while the mother was born in 1830 and died in 1896, both passing away in Terre Haute. They were but two years of age when

they came north with their parents, and the parents of Abraham, John and Mary (Potts) Annis, located in Fairbanks township in 1834. Armilda Hopewell Annis was a daughter of Henry and Mary (All) Hopewell, who came to Fairbanks township at about the same time as the Annis family, and they located near together on land which they entered from the government, the land being at that time wild and unimproved. Henry Hopewell died in 1871. Both he and John Annis became successful farmers, the former being also a cooper.

Abraham Annis, a son of John Annis, followed farming until 1875, when he came to Shelburn and purchased a warehouse, in which he installed a custom mill, and continued as a miller until 1882, while from that time until his death in 1884 he was a resident of Terre Haute, engaged in the grocery business. During his residence in Shelburn he served as a member of the town board. Seven children were born to Abraham and Armilda Annis, namely: Earl and Samuel M., deceased, while the third born died in infancy; John C., the subject of this review; Mary L. Stalker, of Terre Haute; Isabelle Snider, also of that city, and Julia, who has never married and resides in Terre Haute.

Four children have been born to John C. Annis, namely: Louren, who died in infancy; Ethel R., born March 4, 1886, is the wife of Roy Hair, of Shelburn; Orval, who died at the age of two years; and Hosie Sutcliffe, who was born February 14, 1897, and is attending school. Mr. Annis is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 420, at Shelburn, in which he has filled all of the offices, and is also a charter member of the United Workmen, which lodge was abandoned in 1880, and a member of the International Order of the Team Owners' Union.

JAMES P. Siner.—The name of James P. Siner was for many years associated with the business life of Shelburn, where he conducted a general mercantile establishment until his retirement in 1905. In the early years of his life he was a cooper, having learned that trade when only seventeen years of age in Carlisle, Indiana, and he worked at that occupation for six years. In 1859 he joined the westward emigration across the plains, making the journey with ox teams, and leaving here on the 13th of April, 1859, he reached Placerville, California, on the 12th of September, following. During the following six and a half years he sojourned over California, Oregon and Idaho, and then returning to Shelburn was one of the leading general merchants of the city until his retirement in 1905.

Mr. Siner was born in Hamilton township of Sullivan county, February 1, 1837, a son of Nelson and Dessie (Shelburn) Siner. Nelson Siner was a son of Benjamin, a native of Virginia, and he was a grandson of Benjamin, Sr., who served as a colonel in the Revolutionary war. Nelson Siner was born in Breckenridge county, Kentucky, in 1810, but came from that state to Sullivan county, Indiana, with his mother, in 1821, where in his younger days he worked at the wagon maker's trade,

but finally abandoned that occupation for farming, and later, in 1859, opened a general mercantile store in Shelburn and was also the postmaster of the town from 1860 to 1866. He was a staunch Republican and in the earlier days a Whig, and his death occurred in 1869, in Shelburn. His wife survived him but a few years, dying in 1872. She was born about 1809 in Kentucky. Of their eight children five are now living: John L., of Shelburn; Mary Nesbit, a widow residing in Hamilton township, and Parthena McClanahan and Lorena Singer, twins, both widows residing in Farmersburg.

James P. Siner, the youngest of the living children, married, on the 13th of April, 1866, Martha A. Hodges, who was born in Vigo county, Indiana, in 1845, a daughter of Harden and Phoebe (Lovelace) Hodges. This union has been blessed by the birth of seven children, but only the following four are living at the present time: Julia Harden, of Shelburn; Fred, who married Emma Buckley, and is the proprietor of a shoe store in Shelburn; Walter and Clarence, who are at home with their parents. Mr. Siner follows in the political footsteps of his father and gives a staunch support to the Republican party. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 369, in Shelburn, in which he has filled all the offices, occupying the master's chair for twelve years, and at the present time he is serving in the capacity of treasurer. He has the distinction of being the oldest Mason in Shelburn. Both he and his wife are earnest and efficient members of the Baptist church.

LEANDER WENCE.—During a number of years Leander Wence was numbered among the best agriculturists and business men of Sullivan county, but he is now living quietly retired at his pleasant home in Farmersburg. He was born on the 3d of November, 1861, in Jackson township, Sullivan county, a son of Abraham and Mary E. (Zink) Wence. The father was born in Ohio, but when but four years of age he was brought by his parents to Jackson township. He is a son of Abraham, Sr., and Sarah Jane Wence, who were farming people and entered land from the government in Jackson township north of Hymera, which continued as their home during the remainder of their lives. Mr. Wence was a squire and constable here for many years.

Abraham Wence, Jr., spent the early years of his life on his parents' farm, and during five years of his business career he was engaged in the mercantile business in Terre Haute and Lyons. From 1861 until 1865 he was a Civil war soldier, but twelve months of that time was spent in Andersonville prison, where he endured all the hardships and privations of that noted prison pen. He is now the owner of a fine estate of one hundred and twenty acres five miles southeast of Hymera, where he and his wife are spending the remainder of their lives. He is a staunch Democrat politically, a member of the Odd Fellows' order at Lyons, and of the Methodist church. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Wence were four children, of whom Leander is the eldest; Elizabeth

Jenny died at the age of nineteen years; James E. resides in Curry township; and Charles E. is a resident of Evansville.

Just after his marriage Leander Wence began farming for himself, renting a farm in Curry township, and he continued as a renter until purchasing twenty acres in 1886. From time to time he added to his original purchase until he became the owner of one hundred and forty-three acres in his homestead farm, and also eighty acres in another tract, but he has since sold his land and invested his money in notes and town property. He continued his agricultural labors until in March of 1907, when he sold his farm and is now living retired in Farmersburg.

On the 8th of October, 1882, Mr. Wence was united in marriage to Susana Everly, who was born in Owen county, Indiana, September 9, 1860, and died June 4, 1896, after becoming the mother of five children: Nora A., born November 16, 1885, died November 25, 1904; Hershal E., born October 30, 1887, married Sadie Crow August 24, 1907, and resides in Shellburn; Otto W., born November 18, 1889, has been in the regular army for two years; the fourth child died in infancy; and Ona M., born January 7, 1896, is attending school and lives with her grandparents. On the 8th of November, 1899, Mr. Wence married Sophia F. Wells, who was born in Grant county, Indiana, April 1, 1869, and died January 11, 1905, after becoming the mother of two children, Noma C., born March 13, 1903, and a son, the younger, who died in infancy. On the 24th of April, 1907, Mr. Wence wedded Daisy Beck, who was born January 3, 1882, in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, a daughter of Josiah F. and Rosanna (Hume) Beck, both of whom were also born in this county, and they are now living in Carlisle. Mr. Wence has one child by his last wife, a daughter, Dortha Lee. He has membership relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Shelburn, Lodge No. 420. He is the only one of the Wence name to affiliate with the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist church, but Mrs. Wence is of the Baptist faith.

ELZA W. JENNINGS, who is among the successful and enterprising business factors of Curry township, Sullivan county, and besides other business interests, is engaged in the hardware and implement trade, is a native of this township, born January 15, 1868, a son of Abel J. and Fannie M. (Wilsey) Jennings, the former born March 28, 1812, in Massachusetts, at some point within Hamden county, and died January 10, 1877, in Sullivan county, Indiana. The latter was born October 19, 1824, in Albany county, New York, and died June 28, 1890, in Curry township, Sullivan county, Indiana. Abel was the son of Aceph and Mary (Abby) Jennings, the former born in Massachusetts and the latter in Scotland. Aceph was born in 1782, and died in 1844. He was a gunsmith, and worked eight years in the Springfield Armory Works, but abandoned his trade there upon his marriage and went to farming, which occupation he continued to follow the remainder of his life. Abel,

at the age of twenty years, started as a sailor on Lake Erie, and within fourteen months was made second mate, soon afterward first mate and then captain of the boat. This position he filled for five years and up to the date of his marriage. He purchased a farm in Ashtabula county, Ohio, where he farmed two years, and in 1842 went to Missouri, in which new state he purchased a farm. In 1844 he removed to Marion county, Indiana. Upon a trip back to Ohio he was taken ill upon reaching Marion county, and there remained until 1867, when he went to Curry township, this county, about three miles west of Farmersburg, where the subject of this narrative was born. He owned a hundred-acre farm, upon which he resided until his death.

The father was twice married, first to a Miss Benjamin, by whom seven children were born, but only two lived to reach mature years. For his second wife he married Fannie M. Willsey, by whom were born sixteen children, as follows: Emaline, born in 1841, died young; Marshall, born March 22, 1843, resides at Farmersburg; Harriet, born in September, 1844, resides in Weldon, Illinois; Julia, deceased; Mary J., resides in Oklahoma; Millie, also living in Oklahoma; Lydia, deceased; Sylvester, residing in Curry township, this county; Oswald, deceased; Emory and Emma (twins), both living in Curry township; Rufus, living in Kingfisher county, Oklahoma; Mattie, living in Vigo county, Indiana; Katie, living in Curry township; Walker, living in Curry township, and Elza W., of this notice.

Mr. Jennings remained at home with his parents until their death, and on November 18, 1890, soon after their death, he married Mary A. Harris, born March 2, 1870, in Shelby county, Illinois, a daughter of John Harris. Mr. Jennings began operating a saw mill and thresher at the age of seventeen years, continuing until 1902. In 1899, however, he purchased a one-fourth interest in Jennings Brothers and Lloyd's hardware store, and in 1902 bought a two-thirds interest in Jennings & Taylor's hardware and implement house. Since then he has paid special attention to this business. The firm with which he is associated owns some real estate in town.

Politically Mr. Jennings is a Democrat. He was elected president of the Farmersburg Town Board in 1906, his term expiring in 1910. He is president of the Merchants' Association, president of the Torry Electric Light plant and is a stockholder and director of the Citizens State Bank. He is a member of the Blue Lodge, No. 494, A. F. & A. M., at Farmersburg.

WILLIAM BENEFIELD, formerly extensively engaged in Turman township, this county, as a general farmer and stock raiser, is now a resident agriculturist of the Panhandle country of Texas. He is a native of Hamilton township, Sullivan county, a son of George Washington and Elizabeth (McGrew) Benefield. The father was a native of Lawrence county, Indiana, and, in 1904, died at Terre Haute, Indiana, the mother being still a resident of that city. George W. Benefield

always followed the life of a farmer, with the exception of a few years which he spent in California, during the early days of the gold excitement. Starting from Sullivan with an ox team, March 4, 1852, he crossed the Wabash river at Merom, on the old ferry boat, and reached San Francisco in August. He remained on the coast until 1856, returning by steamer, via Cape Horn, and stopping in Cuba for a few days. Thence he resumed his voyage to New York City, and from that city reached his home by rail. His trip was successful, financially, and like most of the California pioneers, the experiences of both his overland and sea trips were always considered the most interesting chapter of his life. After his return from California Mr. Benefield farmed in Hamilton township until 1893, when he and his faithful wife moved to Terre Haute. Politically the elder Mr. Benefield was a Democrat, and in church relations his wife was a Baptist. They were the parents of the following children: Chauncy, now residing at Dallas, Texas; Leona, wife of Ezra Coble, of Terre Haute, Indiana; Felix G., also of that city; George, who is an insurance man of Dallas; William, of this sketch; Robert, also in the insurance business at Dallas; and Anna, wife of Herbert Osborn, of that city.

William Benefield was reared on a farm in Hamilton township, received his education in the district schools, and worked at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He then went to Mound, Louisiana, where he worked a year, after which he returned to the farm where he now resides. Remaining there a year and a half, he next located at Hymera and lived there three years, during this period being engaged in the meat business as well as in mining. In 1893 he returned to Turman township and resumed farm life, his place finally consisting of one hundred and three acres of fine land bordering on the plat of Graysville. At that location he conducted grain and stock farming. Among other enterprises with which he was also connected was that of the Big Springs Threshing Machine Company in which he was a stockholder. In September, 1908, Mr. Benefield sold his farm and removed to Texas, having visited various sections of that state and purchased a fine tract of land in the Panhandle country. There he has erected a substantial set of buildings and is engaged in general farming and stockraising.

Politically Mr. Benefield is a Democrat. In his fraternal connections, while residing in Sullivan county, he was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masonic order, and with his wife, he belonged to the Eastern Star lodge at Graysville. Mr. Benefield was married January 26, 1889, to Mary Brewer, who was born November 2, 1866, on the farm which became the family homestead. She is the daughter of William and Mary (Hawkins) Brewer. Her father, a native of Ohio of Scotch-Irish descent, was born March 20, 1824, and died in Turman township, October 24, 1890. When a child he was brought to this country by his parents, John and Mary Ann (Cook) Brewer, who located at Graysville. John Brewer, the maternal grandfather, operated a general store at Graysville for a number of years. William Brewer, the father, reached manhood in Turman township and

there followed agricultural pursuits, finally purchasing three hundred and eight acres of land, which he handled in a most successful manner. Upon this homestead his wife died in 1868, the deceased being born in 1832, a daughter of Major and Sallie (Earnest) Hawkins. In 1871 William Brewer married Amelia Miles, a native of Gill township, and the family moved to Sullivan, where William Brewer formed a partnership with Thomas Burton, under the name of Brewer and Burton, which firm continued in trade several years. Then disposing of his business, he lived a retired life. Mr. Brewer's second wife died August 16, 1893, and in 1895 he married Mrs. Rebecca Thornberry. In the following year he moved to her farm in Turman township, where he died. The widow now resides with her daughter in Turman township. Mr. Brewer was a member of the Masonic fraternity at Merom; also connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics a Republican. By his first marriage Mr. Brewer had six children; by the second and third unions there was no issue. By the first wife these children were born: John and Solon, deceased; Sarah E., wife of Robert Watson, of Rockford, California; Emily A., deceased, who married John Kirkham; Leanna, who married Rolland Hanchett, and now resides at Harlan, Nebraska; and Mary, Mrs. William Benefield. Mrs. Benefield was educated in Sullivan, Indiana, attending its high schools and remaining at home until a year before her marriage in Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. William Benefield have children as follows: Herbert Milton, born October 2, 1890, living at home; June Elizabeth, born November 17, 1894; and William Brewer, born May 4, 1899. Mrs. Benefield and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and connected with the Eastern Star lodge.

GEORGE TOWNSLEY WILSON, who lives on and owns the original Wilson homestead in Haddon township, was born April 17, 1849, upon the three hundred acre farm where he now resides. This valuable farm home is situated two miles northeast of Paxton. He is a son of Martin and Mary P. (Lamb) Wilson. The father was born July 15, 1810, in Greene county, Ohio, and the mother was born September 21, 1822, in Sullivan county, Indiana. This worthy couple were married January 4, 1844. Martin Wilson came to Haddon township in 1822 and began working on a farm and later entered government land to the amount of two hundred and seventeen acres, to which he added until his landed estate amounted to four hundred acres. This land was all one vast forest when he came to the country and he, through a long series of years and great toil, succeeded in subduing it and making a beautiful and productive farm of what he found a wilderness. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife was a devout member of the Christian church. He died June 15, 1890, on his farm, and his wife laid down the burden of life January 9, 1857, many years prior to his death. The following children were born of their union: Mary Jane, born October 17, 1844,

married William Carl Usrey, of Sullivan, whose history appears elsewhere in this work; William Lowery, born October 12, 1846, died February 6, 1888, in Greene county, Indiana; George Townsley, of this notice; Joseph, born January 7, 1852, died August 7, 1888, at Golden, Colorado, where he was farming; Sarah Ann, born September 25, 1855, married John T. Whitmire.

George T. Wilson of this biographical notice remained on the home farm until both parents were dead. He attended the public schools and worked dutifully, and early learned the necessity of saving and wisely investing his earnings. The old homestead is now his property, the same comprising three hundred acres, upon which he methodically farms and raises stock for the market. Politically Mr. Wilson is a believer in the principles of the Democratic party. He is unmarried and for the last few winter seasons has visited various states of the Union, chiefly in the south.

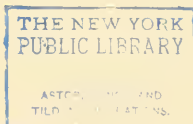
JOHN E. M. PURCELL, who is the owner of one of the superior grain and stock farms found within the limits of Haddon township, was born on the land he now owns and cultivates, the same being situated a mile and a half in an easterly direction from the enterprising village of Paxton, Sullivan county, Indiana. The date of his birth was November 14, 1867. He is the son of William W. and Rachel L. (Creager) Purcell. The mother was born March 17, 1848, in Hamilton township, a daughter of Thomas J. and Barbara (Canary) Creager, both born in Kentucky, and who came with their respective parents to this country about the time Indiana was admitted into the Union.

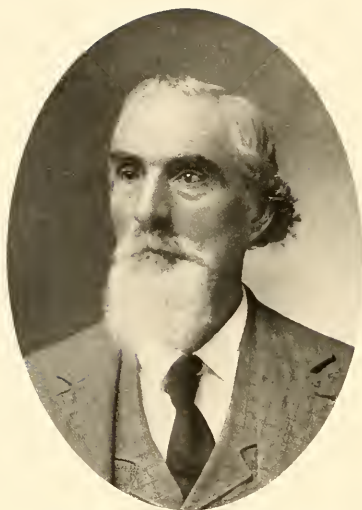
William W. Purcell, the father, was born in Haddon township, Sullivan county, April 23, 1842, and died June 7, 1894. His widow now resides at Paxton. The grandfather, John Williamson Purcell, was born in Kentucky and became one of the early pioneers in Sullivan county. At the time of the Civil war William W. Purcell served as a member of Company D, Indiana Heavy Artillery, enlisting in 1861, and serving until the close of the rebellion. He entered as a private, and was promoted to orderly sergeant. He was in the famous siege of Vicksburg and at the battle of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. On January 23, 1867, he began farming, which occupation he followed the remainder of his life. He began on the same farm where now lives his son, John E. M. Purcell. A successful farmer, at one time William W. Purcell owned about three hundred acres of land, all in one tract. He raised grain and fed considerable stock, and also was a breeder of fine grades of stock, including horses. He owned draft and English coach horses and a valuable Spanish jack, which animals he exhibited at the several county fairs in this section of the country, capturing many of the premiums offered on such stock. He also raised Shorthorn Durham cattle, which were also registered in the American Stock Book, and exhibited. Politically Mr. Purcell was a staunch Republican and at the hands of his fellow-party workers received numerous nominations. He was president of the Paxton Canning Com-

pany, from the date of its organization in 1888, until his death, but this factory is not in operation at the present. In lodge connections he was an honored member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Ancient Order of United Workmen. Of his church faith, it may be said that he was of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, of which his widow is also a faithful adherent. For a number of years he served as one of the stewards in the church of his choice. The children born to William W. and Rachel L. (Creager) Purcell were: John E. M., of this notice, and Stella J., now the wife of Edgar E. Nash, whose family history will be found within this work.

John E. M. Purcell remained with his father, worked the farm and attended to the stock business with him, until the latter's death, since which date the son has conducted the place himself. He now owns two hundred and thirty-five acres, this being a portion of the old homestead. Having been trained in the science of agriculture and stockraising from his boyhood up by his association with his father, he naturally continued to pursue the same line of industry after his father's demise. Mr. Purcell now raises the Black Poll-Angus cattle and about two carloads annually of hogs of the Poland China breed. Besides his extensive farming operations, Mr. Purcell is a stockholder in the People's First National Bank, of Carlisle, and the People's State Bank, of Sullivan. He is the secretary of the old Paxton Canning Company. In his political views Mr. Purcell is a firm defender of the general principles of the Republican party. In the matter of fraternal societies, he is connected with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 50, and the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 3332, these lodges being at Carlisle.

He was married December 23, 1897, to Miss Bessie B. Barclay, who was born in Jennings county, Indiana, September 21, 1879, daughter of James W. and Lydia (Ewing) Barclay. The father was born in Mason county, Kentucky, April 15, 1834, and now resides in Bloomington, Indiana. The mother was born in Decatur county, Indiana, May 1, 1841, and died September 19, 1907, in Louisville, Kentucky, her home, however, being at Bloomington, Indiana. John W. Barclay has always followed the independent life of a farmer. Mrs. Purcell received her education at the public schools of Jennings county, Indiana, and graduated from the Carlisle high school with the class of 1896. Her parents came to Sullivan county from Jennings county in 1893, and the parents and one brother moved to Bloomington, Indiana, in 1903. Mrs. Purcell is one of a family of eight children, four of which are now living: Luella B., now a widow; Alice C., widow of A. D. Giboney, residing at Carlisle; Mrs. Purcell; Joseph Knox, of Bloomington, Indiana, now practicing law; he is an athlete and at one time held the long distance run of the state of Indiana, being one of the Hoosier state's best athletes. From 1902 to 1905 he was captain of the track team at Bloomington and football manager in 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Purcell have two children: William W., born November 16, 1898, and Paul Barclay, born October 31, 1902. Both Mr. and Mrs. Purcell are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Paxton, of which he was a steward.

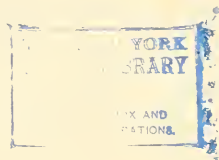




W. F. Hoek



Mrs. H. F. Hoke.



WILLIAM F. HOKE.—Prominent among the more prosperous and extensive agriculturists of Sullivan county is William F. Hoke, a well-known farmer and stock raiser of Haddon township. A man of good business qualifications, thoroughly acquainted with the work in which he is so busily engaged, he is meeting with unquestioned success, and is an important factor in advancing the farming interests of this section of Indiana. He was born, August 8, 1844, on the old Hoke homestead, about three miles south of Carlisle, a son of Jacob Hoke.

Born, in 1807, in Jefferson county, Kentucky, he was there reared and educated. Coming to Sullivan county, Indiana, soon after his marriage, he sought a favorable location, and after looking about for a time took up government land in Haddon township, and by dint of industry and perseverance cleared and improved the valuable homestead, on which he resided until his death, in 1873. He carried on general farming on an extensive scale, and was quite a heavy stock feeder. He made much money in his operations, and having invested it wisely, owned at the time of his death about one thousand acres of choice land. He was a Democrat in politics, and served one term as county commissioner. He married Rosanna Brentlinger, who was born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, about 1807, and died in Haddon township, Indiana, in 1874. Ten children were born to them, as follows: The two oldest, twins, died in infancy; Susan, deceased; George, engaged in farming in Knox county; Sarah, deceased; Jacob, president of the Sullivan State Bank, at Sullivan; John, residing on the old homestead; William F., of this sketch; Charles, deceased; and Richard, deceased.

Acquiring an excellent knowledge of the various branches of agriculture while young, William F. Hoke selected farming as his life occupation, and until twenty-seven years of age assisted in the management of the home farm. In 1872, his father having at that time purchased the old Hinkle farm, he assumed its possession, and has since resided here. Succeeding in his efforts from the first, he now owns three hundred and thirty acres of the best land in southern Indiana, and on it has made improvements of an excellent character. In the fall of 1906, he erected his present fine home, which stands upon a natural rise of ground, and is of modern construction, its building having been necessitated by the burning of his former home about three years ago. Mr. Hoke makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, having now, in 1908, over a carload of choice hogs that he is raising for market. He is now turning his attention to the breeding of black Poll-Angus cattle, having recently purchased a thoroughbred sire of that grade.

On December 18, 1873, Mr. Hoke married Virginia Belle Turner, who was born November 16, 1851, in Virginia, where her parents, Thomas K. and Lucy (Gilson) Turner, settled when coming to Sullivan county from Pennsylvania, where they had gone from their native state, Virginia, and where they spent their remaining years. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Hoke has been blessed by the birth of eleven children, namely: Myrtle, deceased; Bessie, unmarried; Ella, wife of Marvel Nash, a telegraph operator in Greene county, has two children, James and Dorothy; Allie,

a twin sister of Ella, has passed to the higher life: Jacob, living on the home farm; Thomas and Lue, twins; Thomas is deceased, and Lue, single, lives at home; Anna, living at home; William, single; Lillie, single; and a child that died in infancy. Politically, Mr. Hoke supports the principles of the Democratic party by voice and vote.

JOHN THOMAS WHITMIRE, numbered among the progressive farmers of Haddon township, whose pretty farm home is situated two and a half miles east from the thriving village of Paxton, Sullivan county, Indiana, is a native of Missouri, born in Randolph county, that state, September 3, 1851. He is the son of David Marion and Caroline (Snider) Whitmire, both of whom were natives of the historic county of Jessamine, Kentucky. The father was born June 8, 1826, and died in Randolph county, Missouri, in 1865, and the mother, born August 27, 1825, died early in the nineties in the same county. David M. Whitmire was of Pennsylvania Dutch descent, and his wife of Dutch descent with some Irish blood in her veins. John Whitmire, the grandfather, and his family, went to Missouri when David M. was a small boy. The maternal grandfather, John Snider, and his family, settled in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, locating one mile to the north of Carlisle, where he and his wife resided until their death.

As has often been the case in human experience, the meeting and final companionship of Mr. Whitmire's father and mother was destined by unforeseen acts, which have not infrequently determined the future of men and women. The mother, Caroline Snider, went to Missouri from Carlisle, Indiana, to visit a married sister in Randolph county, and while there chanced to meet Mr. Whitmire, to whom she was subsequently united in marriage. They at once commenced farming in that county and ever after remained in that locality. David M. Whitmire, the father, served in the Civil war in the army. Politically he was a supporter of the Democratic party, while both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their children were as follows: One who died in fancy; John T., of this memoir; Charles W., born December 30, 1853, deceased; George W., born April 13, 1856, resides on the old homestead in Missouri; Mary B., born February 21, 1858, wife of William Wainwright, residing in Missouri; William T., born April 5, 1860, also living in Missouri; Eliza, born September 6, 1862, now wife of Frederick Robb, of Randolph county, Missouri; Montgomery, born May 27, 1865, deceased.

John Thomas Whitmire was reared on a farm and had the advantages of the Missouri district schools. He remained at home until February 26, 1874, on which day he went to Paxton, Indiana, and began farming as a hired hand. Three years later, however, believing that he was capable of conducting a farm for himself, he began to do so. About 1886 he purchased his present farm of one hundred and thirty-eight acres of valuable farming land, located two and a half miles from

Paxton, in an easterly direction. Here he has been highly successful in the cultivation of the land which has brought him good returns, and placed himself and family in independent circumstances. Politically Mr. Whitmire affiliates with the Democratic party.

He was united in marriage November 2, 1876, to Sarah Ann Wilson, born in Haddon township, September 25, 1855, a daughter of Martin and Mary P. (Lamb) Wilson. Her father came to Sullivan county from Ohio in 1820, and her mother was native to Kentucky; both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Whitmire have one daughter: Gertrude, born November 8, 1878, unmarried, and living at home. She attended the district schools of her native township and the high schools of Sullivan, graduating in music at the Conservatory of the DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, both in vocal and instrumental music. She is now giving instructions in music in her home neighborhood. Mr. Whitmire and family have had the pleasure of spending the past two winters in California's delightful climate, amid the flowers and sunshine of the coast state. In their church connections the parents and daughter are acceptable members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

FRANKLIN M. ANDERSON, one of the representative farmers who have aided in building up the present prosperity found within the borders of Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, was born February 7, 1864, in Marion county, Indiana, on the farm of his father, Abner B. Anderson. The father was born in Highland county, December, 1818, and died in 1884. He was of Scotch descent and went to Marion county, Indiana, alone, at the age of sixteen years. He subsequently married in that county and there began farming for himself. In the autumn of 1869 the family moved to Haddon township, Sullivan county, and in 1870 was erected the farm house which Franklin M. now owns and in which he lived until the spring of 1908, when he completed a new house on his farm. The father and mother both resided on this farm until their death. Abner B. Anderson was a successful farmer and was a Democrat in politics. He was a member of the Baptist church, while his good wife was of the Methodist religious faith. Before her marriage she was Ruth Elmore, a native of Kentucky, and was born near Crab Orchard, March 5, 1819, dying in 1896. She was of Irish lineage. The children born to Abner B. Anderson and wife were as follows: William, Candice A., John, Loretta, Mariah Jane, Franklin M. and three who died in infancy.

Franklin M. Anderson was reared on a farm and attended the country schools. When he reached his twentieth year he commenced to farm on his own account, and now owns the original homestead, consisting of forty-five acres, to which he has added, now possessing one hundred and forty-three acres, upon which he carries on general farming operations. In his political views Mr. Anderson favors the Republican party, and casts his vote with that organization. He has wisely taken

a membership in the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 3332, at Carlisle.

He was united in marriage January 5, 1888, to Permelia A. Walters, born in Haddon township, in 1865, and who died in 1896 in the month of September. She was educated in her native county. Her parents were Joel O. and Nancy (Land) Walters, both of whom are now dead. Five children were born to Mr. Anderson and wife: Lola M., deceased; William L., deceased; Elva, born November, 1892; Ruth Marie, born June, 1894; John W., deceased. For his second wife Mr. Anderson married Sarah E. (Woodward) Pool, born in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, March 27, 1871. They were united in marriage in 1896 and are the parents of two children: Albert L. and Daisy Gladys. Before her second marriage Mrs. Anderson was the widow of Harry Pool, who lived in Jefferson township, and who died in the nineties, leaving a daughter, Ethel, born in February, 1896, and who now resides with Mr. and Mrs. Anderson. In church connections Mrs. Anderson is a member of the Christian church.

The Andersons are all large men in stature, Franklin M. being six feet and four inches in height, weighing one hundred and ninety-five pounds, while his father was the tallest man in Sullivan county, he measuring six feet and seven inches, and weighing two hundred and twenty-five pounds.

JOHN MARION WHITLOCK, who is the owner of one of the many fertile farms of Haddon township, Sullivan county, is a native of Kentucky, born April 29, 1858, son of Nathan and Mary E. (Williams) Whitlock, both natives of Kentucky. In 1863 the family came to Marion county, Indiana, remained one year, then settled in Haddon township, Sullivan county, near Paxton, where both the father and mother died, he on August 10, 1878, and she later. They were both of English descent. The father always followed agriculture for his livelihood. Politically he supported the Democratic party. Their children were as follows: John Marion, Mary Jane, wife of John O. McCammon, residing in Haddon township; Robert, of Haddon township; Josephine, deceased; George, of Haddon township; Nancy, wife of David S. Wilson, of Jefferson township.

John Marion Whitlock commenced the real activities of his career when but twelve years old, by doing farm work by the month. When nineteen years of age he began farming on his own account and has continued in the same calling ever since. He removed to his present farm in 1888. The property, which belongs to him and his wife, consists of one hundred and twenty-five acres. In his political views Mr. Whitlock is a believer in the platform of the Democratic party.

He has been twice married, first, November 2, 1878, to Pamela Shake, born in Haddon township, daughter of John Shake, who was a farmer of Haddon township. Mr. Whitlock died about 1884, leaving

two children: Lou Effie, born January 27, 1882, now the wife of Edward Padgett, of Haddon township; and William Walters, born January 24, 1884, unmarried and at home, attended the Carlisle high school and was graduated from the Normal College at Danville, Indiana. Since leaving school he has taught three years in Haddon township. For his second wife Mr. Whitlock married, March 18, 1888, Mary E. Devcoors, who was born January 28, 1858, in Haddon township, on the farm which she now owns. She is the daughter of James and Eliza (Carrico) Devcoors, both now deceased. By this marriage the issue is: Ethel, born October 18, 1891.

EDGAR E. NASH is a son of Armpsted M. and Nancy E. (Purell) Nash. In the sketch of Armpsted M. Nash, on another page of this work, with biography of William L. Nash, will be found ancestry, so far as it is now known. Edgar E. Nash was born February 7, 1868, in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana. He was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education at the district schools and he remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he embarked in farming on his own account, on the old Nash homestead. Subsequently, he removed into the same old farm house which his father had remodeled. Edgar E. Nash has come to be an enterprising agriculturist, who is alive to all new and modern farming methods, both as a grain and stock grower, in which calling he is highly successful. He usually feeds two carloads of hogs and cattle each year and handles the Poll-Angus and Shorthorn cattle. He owns two farms, one of two hundred and forty-six acres, and one of seventy-six acres.

Like all true American citizens, Mr. Nash is somewhat interested in politics, but not as an office seeker, for his time and attention is thoroughly wrapped up in his agriculture and stockraising. He votes with the Democratic party. As a protection to his family, in case of his death, he holds membership with that most thoroughly reliable beneficiary society, the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to Camp No. 3332 at Carlisle.

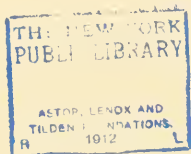
He was married October 30, 1889, to Stella J. Purell, born in Haddon township, October 2, 1871, daughter of W. W. and Rachel L. (Creager) Purell, both of whom were natives of Sullivan county, Indiana. The father died June 7, 1894, and the mother still lives at Paxton. Their two children were: J. E. M. Purell, who lives in Haddon township, and Mrs. Nash. Mr. and Mrs. Nash are the parents of six children, born in the following order: Dona Maude, born September 27, 1890, expects to graduate from the high school at Carlisle with the class of 1909; William Carlton, born October 4, 1892; Lillie Mabel, June 26, 1894; Rachel Naomi, December 15, 1896; Harold Eugene, July 24, 1901; Helen Louise, September 16, 1905. Mrs. Nash and her daughters, Dona Maude and Lillie Mabel and the son William are members of the Methodist Episcopal church in Paxton, Indiana.

JOHN W. WALTERS, one of Sullivan county's progressive farmers, whose farm home is situated in Haddon township, is a native of this part of Sullivan county, born April 12, 1856, a son of Joel O. and Nancy (Land) Walters. The father was born in Jessamine county, Kentucky, January 18, 1824, one of seven children born to Luke and Evarilla (Lamb) Walters, who were natives of Virginia, but who settled in Kentucky and removed from that state to Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1830. They resided in Haddon township the remainder of their days. The mother of John W. Walters was born in Haddon township, September 8, 1823, and died in 1895, her husband dying two years previous to her death. Nancy Land was a daughter of James R. and Jane (Willis) Land, who was twice married, Nancy being a daughter by the first marriage. Joel O. and Nancy (Land) Walters were united in marriage March 28, 1848, and to their union ten children were born, of whom the following are living: Mahala, widow of James H. Willis; John W., of this biography; and Permellia. The remainder of the family are all deceased.

Joel O. Walters was a very successful farmer, and at one time owned three hundred acres of land. Politically he was a firm supporter of the Democratic party, while both he and his faithful wife were members of the Christian church. The great-grandfathers on both sides were in the Revolutionary war, and two great uncles were in the war of 1812; two second cousins also served in the Mexican war, and three uncles were in the Civil war. None of this number who went forth to defend their country ever received a wound.

John W. Walters, son of Joel O., was reared on his father's farm and remained at home until twenty-five years of age, then began farming for himself in Haddon township, continuing until the present time. In the spring of 1882 he purchased a farm of eighty acres in the northeast part of the township. This he sold in the autumn of 1882 and bought sixty-six acres where he now lives. To this he has added until he now has one hundred and eighty-six acres, situated a half mile west of Paxton. Here he carries on in a most successful manner both grain and stock farming. He handles considerable stock, and ships from one to two carloads each year. Besides his extensive farm operations, he is one of the stockholders in the Carlisle Telephone Company. In his political belief he is a Prohibitionist, believing as he does, that the liquor business in all of its evil forms, will never be controlled or totally suppressed by either of the old political parties.

April 1, 1881, Mr. Walters was married to Anna Nash, born near Paxton, Sullivan county, Indiana, October 31, 1860, and educated in her native county. She is a daughter of James L. and Sarah (Ross) Nash, both being natives of Haddon township, Sullivan county. James L. Nash was born March 16, 1829, and was one of the nine children born to Marvel W. and Leah (Love) Nash, who were counted among the pioneers of Sullivan county, and came in from the state of Kentucky. September 16, 1854, James L. Nash married Sarah J. Ross, born in Sullivan county, July 9, 1835. To this union four children were born:

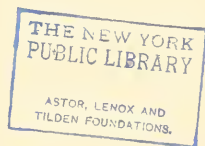




Salathiel Boone



Mrs Salathiel Boone



Robert D., of Shelburn; John M., of Paris, California, where he is a professor in the high schools; Leah Ann, Mrs. Walters; Marvel, residing in Vigo county, Indiana, now telegraph operator and also owns a farm in Haddon township. Sarah J. (Ross) Nash died December 25, 1873. James L. Nash then married Eliza J. (Summers) Curry. Mr. Nash owned at one time about four hundred and twenty-five acres of land, and represented his county in the state legislature in the session of 1875. He was instrumental in securing the passage of the "Fees and Salaries" bill, as well as one for reducing taxes in the state. He was a county commissioner for four years, and in church connection was an elder in the Christian church. He died November 10, 1896, and his widow now resides on the old homestead.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walters were born nine children, as follows: Lorena, born December 29, 1881, attended the University at Vincennes and also the Union Christian College at Merom, Indiana, is now the wife of Carl Gobin, residing in Haddon township; James Nash, born March 7, 1884, unmarried, took a course in the Correspondence School of Scranton, Pennsylvania, after which he went to Buffalo and engaged with the Bell Telephone Company, and is now superintendent of maintenance of the cable at Rochester, New York; Bessie, born September 20, 1885, unmarried, educated in the common schools and now at home; Joel E., born September 27, 1887, died May 11, 1888; William L., born June 17, 1889, unmarried and at home; Melvin E., born March 7, 1891, unmarried and attending the Carlisle high school; Jennie, born March 10, 1895; Marvil W., born November 12, 1897; R. Ross, born July 25, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Walters, together with their family, are members of the Christian church, of which he has been a elder eleven years, as well as chairman of the official board.

SALATHIEL BOONE.—Holding a position of prominence among the foremost agriculturists of Sullivan county is Salathiel Boone, of Haddon township, an extensive landholder, a leading stock raiser and feeder, and a keen, wideawake business man. A native of Sullivan county, his birth occurred August 9, 1853, in Fairbanks township. When he was a year old he was brought by his parents to Haddon township, where he lived until six years of age. The following eight years he lived near Sullivan, and in the public schools of Hamilton township received his early education.

Coming, when a lad of fourteen years to Haddon township, Salathiel Boone lived with James J. Snyder, one mile north of Carlisle, for eleven years, during the last four years of the time working the Snyder farm on shares. In the fall of 1878, about six months after his marriage, Mr. Boone bought ninety-four acres of land lying east of Carlisle, and remained here until the fall of 1880. Selling then at an advantage, he purchased the Crantz farm, lying two miles east of Carlisle, and has here resided since. Succeeding well in his undertakings, Mr. Boone subse-

quently bought fifty-five acres of the Ellis farm, which adjoins his, and eighty-five acres of the McConnell farm, having now in his home farm two hundred and fifty-five acres of rich and productive land. In addition to his home estate he also owns three other farms, having title in all to five hundred and fifteen acres. For many years Mr. Boone has made a specialty of raising fine blooded horses, and has now two registered French draft mares, and is part owner of the French draft stallion "Model." He is an extensive feeder of stock, feeding from two to six carloads of cattle every year, and he also raises and sells from one hundred to three hundred head of hogs per annum. His estate, which is one of the finest in the vicinity, is, with its valuable improvements and equipments, a visible evidence of his industry, energy and good judgment.

On April 24, 1878, Mr. Boone married Sue Blything, who was born in Sullivan county June 25, 1853, and was here brought up and educated. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Boone, namely: James, born December 26, 1880; Jesse, born August 5, 1883; Jennie, born December 18, 1886; and Robert, born August 2, 1890. James, now living with his parents on the farm, completed his education at Purdue University, and was associated with Dr. J. R. Whalen and J. F. Alumbaugh in the construction of the gravel and rock roads of the county. He is a Mason, belonging to Carlisle Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M. Jennie is the wife of Bert Lisman, of Haddon township.

Mr. Boone is actively identified with many of the more important interests of this locality. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Carlisle, of which he is a stockholder and a director; he was also one of the organizers of the Carlisle Telephone Company, in which he is still a large stockholder, and of which he was for a number of years the president; he also assisted in organizing both the Carlisle Canning Company, which was operated three years, and the Carlisle Creamery, which existed about ten years, and of which he was president for sometime, and one of the directorate the greater part of the time.

Politically Mr. Boone is a stanch Democrat, and since January 1, 1905, has served as county commissioner. Fraternally he is a member, and worshipful-master, of Carlisle Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M., of the Eastern Star, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Modern Woodmen of America. When seventeen years old he united with the Christian church and is a trustee and a deacon of the church in Carlisle, to which his wife and children also belong.

RICHARD T. WILLIS.—The substantial and well-to-do citizens of Haddon township, Sullivan county, have no better representative than Richard T. Willis, who holds high rank among the systematic, progressive and business-like farmers that are so ably conducting the extensive agricultural interests of this part of Sullivan county. He is surely a native and to the manor birth, his birth having occurred on the farm where he now resides, July 17, 1854. He is a son of the late Edward

Willis, and grandson of Richard Willis, who emigrated from Kentucky to Indiana in 1832, took up land in Haddon township, and here spent his remaining years. He was a life-long farmer, and was, also, very fond of hunting, being an expert marksman.

Born at Crab Orchard, Kentucky, January 10, 1826, Edward Willis was but a child when he came with his parents to Haddon township. Finding farming congenial to his tastes, he was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits during his entire life, at the time of his death, which occurred in 1903, being owner of about nine hundred acres of good land in Haddon township. He was a man of influence in public affairs, in his earlier life belonging to the Democratic party, but in later years supporting the principles of the Republican party. He was a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and at one time belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Religiously he was identified by membership with the Christian church. The maiden name of his wife was Pamela Shake. She was born in Kentucky, June 10, 1826, a daughter of David Shake, who came to Haddon township about the same time that Richard Willis did. She is now living in Carlisle, Indiana. To her and her husband twelve children were born, as follows: John W., of Carlisle; James, deceased; David, of Carlisle; Richard T., of this sketch; L. H., of Hamilton township; W. D., deceased; Louisa, deceased; Fannie, wife of Rush McCammon, of Carlisle; Anna, deceased; Minnie, deceased; Ardimeca, of Carlisle; and George B., of Haddon township.

Growing to manhood on the home farm, Richard T. Willis obtained his elementary education in the district schools and remained a member of the parental household until twenty-six years old. He then began farming for himself in Haddon township, in the fall of 1888 returning to the old homestead, where he has since resided. He has dealt quite extensively in real estate, especially in farming property, and is now owner of four hundred and six acres of land in the township. He carries on general farming, raising both grain and stock, and has been a heavy cattle feeder and hog raiser, owning now one hundred and seventy hogs, and two carloads of cattle. He takes great interest in the welfare of his native town and county, and is always ready to lend his assistance in the establishment of beneficial enterprises. He was one of the organizers, and is a director, of the First National Bank of Carlisle, and is a stockholder in the Carlisle Telephone Company. In his political affiliations he has been identified with the Democratic party.

On March 14, 1882, Mr. Willis married Emma F. Plummer, who was born in Marion county, Indiana, March 17, 1857, a daughter of Samuel and Melinda (Boatman) Plummer, the former of whom was born in Ohio, and the latter in Kentucky. In 1868 Mr. and Mrs. Plummer located in Sullivan county, and here spent the remainder of their lives. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Willis, namely: Josephine, living at home; Grover, deceased; Scott, now living at home, married Zelma Near, who died in April, 1908, leaving one child, Harold Edward; Clara, Veacher, Denver, Okie, Clem and Celia. Mr. and Mrs. R. T.

Willis have in their possession two of the old parchment deeds executed under the hand and seal of President Van Buren, and dated respectively August 5, 1837, and September 5, 1838. These deeds are valuable souvenirs in Sullivan county.

BAILEY MCCONNELL.—Occupying a position of prominence among the native-born citizens of Haddon township, noteworthy for their ability, integrity and enterprise is Bailey McConnell, a practical and progressive agriculturist, actively and successfully employed in general farming. A son of Andrew McConnell, he was born April 9, 1840, in Haddon township, of thrifty Scotch ancestry. His grandfather, McConnell, emigrated from Scotland, the land of his birth, to America in 1805, bringing with him his family. In 1806 he located in Haddon township, becoming one of the original householders of this part of Sullivan county, and on the farm which he improved, lying about two miles east of Carlisle, Bailey McConnell, of this sketch, was born.

Born in Scotland in 1798, Andrew McConnell was but eight years old when he came to Indiana. As soon as old enough to wield an axe or a hoe, he began to assist in the pioneer labor of clearing and improving a homestead, and during his entire life was engaged in tilling the soil, meeting with good success in his efforts. He was a man of strong convictions, earnest in the support of principles which he believed to be right, and while identified with the Democratic party before the Civil war, was a Republican after its close. Andrew McConnell married Nancy Johnson, whose father was an early settler of Haddon township, and the land, situated about three miles south of Carlisle, that Mr. Johnson took up from the government and improved, is the farm upon which Bailey McConnell has lived during the past quarter of a century. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McConnell, nine children were born, as follows: Elizabeth, widow of William Harper, resides in Haddon township; John, of Sullivan; Virginia, deceased; Turner, deceased; Bailey, of this sketch; Margaret, deceased; Sarah Barthenia, deceased; Laura, wife of Ellis Greenfield, of Carlisle; and Mary, deceased.

Reared to agricultural pursuits, Bailey McConnell was educated in the district schools. On July 13, 1862, inspired by true patriotic spirit, he enlisted in Company K, Eightieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, as a private, but was afterwards promoted to second lieutenant, then to first lieutenant, finally being commissioned captain of his company, a rank that he held until the close of the war. He saw hard service while in the army, his company, which numbered one hundred sound men at the time of enlistment, being reduced to twenty-four when mustered out of service in 1865, on June 28. Mr. McConnell took part in many of the important engagements of the conflict, among them being those at Perryville, Resaca, Knoxville, Atlanta, Franklin, Nashville, and at Fort Anderson, North Carolina. Returning home after receiving his discharge, June 24, 1865, Mr. McConnell resumed farming, and in the pursuit of his

independent calling has been exceedingly prosperous, now owning between four hundred and six hundred acres of rich and fertile land. Since 1873 he has resided on his present homestead, which was bought from the government by his Grandfather Johnson. Many valuable improvements have been made on the place by Mr. McConnell, including the erection of his handsome residence, a brick structure, which stands back a few rods from the street, on one of the finest building spots imaginable. He carries on general farming, and buys and feeds considerable stock each year, finding stockraising a profitable industry. He owns stock in the Peoples State Bank of Carlisle, a prosperous institution. In politics he is a Republican, and in social circles is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Geo. Rotranund Post, No. 445, at Carlisle.

On September 29, 1870, Mr. McConnell married Jennie O. McDowell, who was born April 29, 1852, in Columbiana county, Ohio, a daughter of Dr. James McDowell. Dr. McDowell was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, June 19, 1820, a son of James and Catherine (McCarthy) McDowell, and there began the study of medicine with Dr. James Martin. Fitted for a professional career, he located as a physician at Moore's Salt Works, on Big Yellow creek, in Jefferson county, Ohio, where he remained from 1842 until 1854. The following seven years he was engaged in the practice of medicine in Columbiana county, Ohio, after which he returned to Moore's Salt Works, and was there a few years. Coming from there to Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1865, Dr. McDowell located in Jefferson township, and was successfully engaged in his professional calling at Pleasantville until his death, October 6, 1892. He married Carolina Erwin, and they became the parents of five children, namely: Hon. M. M. McDowell, M. D., a practicing physician at Vincennes, Indiana, now serving as state senator; James McDowell, M. D., of Bruceville; L. C. McDowell, M. D., of Freelandville; Jennie O., wife of Mr. McConnell; and Catherine, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell have one child, James McConnell, a lumber and grain dealer in Carlisle, of whom a brief sketch may be found on another page of this work. Mrs. McConnell is a woman of culture and talent, having received her education at Farmersburg College under the instruction of Professor Crawford. Both Mr. and Mrs. McConnell are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are among its most faithful and active workers.

GEORGE WASHINGTON WATSON.—Trained to habits of industry and honesty, and familiar with farming pursuits from boyhood, George W. Watson, of Haddon township, is numbered among the substantial and prosperous agriculturists of this part of Sullivan county, being the owner of one of the best improved and best managed farms in this vicinity. A native of Indiana, he was born, September 4, 1842, in Martin county, a son of Singleton Wilson Watson.

A lifelong resident of Indiana, Singleton W. Watson was born August 11, 1809, and died August 22, 1876, in Knox county. Choosing agricul-

ture as his means of making a livelihood, he began his career as a farmer and stock raiser in Martin county, from whence he came to Sullivan county during the fifties, settling in Haddon township, where he was employed in tilling the soil until his retirement from active labor, his last years being spent with his children. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Albright, was born in Indiana, June 29, 1813, and died in Sullivan county, March 4, 1864. Her father, John Henry Albright, a lifelong farmer, was born in Pennsylvania, and died in Martin county, Indiana. Thirteen children were born of the union of S. W. and Hannah (Albright) Watson, as follows: John H., deceased, was born July 13, 1833; Sarah Ann, deceased, was born July 12, 1834; Elizabeth, born October 13, 1837, died March 13, 1883; Joseph R., born February 7, 1840, resides in Knox county; George W., of this sketch; James R., residing in Knox county, was born November 19, 1844; Thomas R., born November 19, 1846, is a resident of Oaktown, Indiana; Weston R., born November 22, 1848, died June 26, 1873; Benjamin F., born February 27, 1851, died April 6, 1879; Singleton W., of Huntington county, Indiana, was born February 28, 1853; Mary H., born April 19, 1855, died January 4, 1879; Willis W., born October 11, 1857, resides in Huntington county, Indiana; and a child that died in infancy.

Leaving home at the age of fifteen years, George W. Watson worked by the month on the farm of Samuel Johnson, afterwards being similarly employed for a year in Knox county. On July 6, 1861, responding to the call for troops, he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-first Indiana Heavy Artillery, and served as a private until honorably discharged, at New Orleans, July 31, 1864. He took part in many engagements, including those at Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville, St. Charles, Bisland, and at Port Hudson, where the siege lasted forty-five days, and during the entire period of his enlistment, although often under fire, was fortunate enough to escape without a wound. He now receives a pension for his services to his country in her time of need. On returning to his home, Mr. Watson began farming on his own account in Haddon township, and in his free and independent vocation has met with well merited success. He has accumulated a good property, and in addition to the home estate owns a farm of forty acres in Jefferson township, and supervises its management. He is a staunch Republican in politics, influential in local affairs, and for several years has been a member of the Republican precinct committee. Socially, he belongs to Carlisle Post, No. 445, G. A. R.

On June 26, 1870, Mr. Watson married Helen C. Berry, who was born in Knox county, Indiana, July 19, 1850. Her father, William A. Berry, was born, October 5, 1800, in Shenandoah county, Virginia, and died in Knox county, Indiana, October 18, 1861. When about fourteen years of age, he went to Kentucky, where he followed his trades of a blacksmith and carpenter for a number of years. Coming to Knox county, Indiana, in 1840, he improved a farm, and also worked at his trades, continuing residence there until his death. He married Lucinda Million, who was born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, April 11, 1805, and died January 28, 1867, in Indiana. Both were members of the Baptist church. Twelve

children were born of their union, namely: Lydia K., born March 17, 1828, died July 23, 1885; Daniel T., born July 27, 1829, died April 8, 1908; John M., born November 8, 1830, resides in Greene county, Indiana; William A., of Knox county, Indiana, was born August 19, 1832; Amanda E., born July 14, 1834, resides in Knox county; Susan A., residing in Jefferson township, born April 16, 1836, is the wife of Alexander Robbins; James L., born October 30, 1837, is a resident of Indianapolis; Angeline, widow of the late John Miller, of Carlisle, was born November 1, 1839; Sarah E., born January 21, 1848, died September 12, 1901; Helen C., wife of Mr. Watson; and two children that died in infancy.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Watson, namely: Nora Ollie, born September 24, 1871, died April 4, 1879; Jennie M., born January 29, 1875, was educated in the Carlisle schools and at the State Normal College in Terre Haute, and taught school three terms in Haddon township and one term in Pearson township; Otto Dare, born October 4, 1877, died March 17, 1879; and Carl A., born January 12, 1880, now a photographer in Terre Haute, married Nora Shake, and they have one son, Dwight C., and one daughter, Mildred Florence, who died when two months old. Religiously, Mr. Watson belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife and daughters are members of the Baptist church.

JAMES H. PADGETT.—Prosperously engaged in the calling upon which our nation's wealth and strength so largely depends, James H. Padgett, of Haddon township, holds an assured position among the systematic and skilful agriculturists of Sullivan county. The descendant of a pioneer family of prominence, he was born, January 3, 1848, in this township, a son of the late Theophilus Padgett. His grandfather Padgett was one of the earliest settlers of Haddon township, coming here in the very early period of its settlement, at the time of his arrival there being but two houses between Carlisle and Pleasantville.

Born in Kentucky, Theophilus Padgett was but six years old when he came with his parents to Sullivan county. Brought up on a farm, he continued in the occupation to which he was reared, and on reaching man's estate entered government land in Haddon township, and at once began the pioneer work of clearing and improving a homestead. During the fall and winter seasons, he kept four horses busily employed by doing nearly all of the teaming for the Carlisle merchants, taking produce for them to Evansville, and bringing back large loads of general merchandise. As a farmer, he was very successful, at one time being owner of about three hundred and seventy acres of rich and valuable land. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member, with his wife, of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Susie Hinkle, died in early womanhood, leaving two children, namely: William, of Pleasantville, and Sareldia, deceased. He married for his second wife Permelia Bodwell, who was born in Jefferson township, Indiana, and died in Haddon township. She bore him four children, as

follows: Martha Elizabeth, wife of William Lisman, of Haddon township; Sarah Jane, wife of James Spencer, of Jefferson township; James H.; and Cassius G., of Haddon township.

A farmer by birth, breeding and inheritance, James H. Padgett is now living on a part of the land which his father took up from the government, and in the raising of grain and stock has been exceptionally fortunate, his labors as an agriculturist meeting with substantial rewards.

Mr. Padgett married, in 1861, Martha Yates, who was born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, December 25, 1848, a daughter of William and — (Shake) Yates, who were lifelong residents of Kentucky. After the death of her parents, she came with her uncle, James Shake, to Haddon township, being then sixteen years of age. Five children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Padgett, namely: Mary and William died in infancy; Theodosia; Everett E.; and Della Grace. Theodosia, born in December, 1878, has been twice married. She married, first, Don Pane, who died a short time later, leaving one child, Floy, who lives with her mother and grandparents; and, second, Rev. A. L. Tidric, a Baptist minister, now located at Oolitic, Indiana, and they have one son, Lawrence. Everett E., born in November, 1880, was graduated from the State Normal school at Terre Haute, after which he took a course of study at the Northwestern University, in Chicago, later being graduated with the degree of M. D. from the Rush Medical College, in Chicago. Since 1905, Dr. E. E. Padgett has been located in Indianapolis, where he has built up a fine practice as a physician and surgeon. He married Theresa Bow, of Pleasantville. Della Grace, born in 1882, married Lee Douthitt, of Wagner township, Knox county, and has one child, Catherine, living, and has lost one child. Mrs. Tidric, Mr. Padgett's oldest daughter, began teaching school when but sixteen years old, and for seven years was a most successful and popular teacher in the common schools of Sullivan county. Politically, Mr. Padgett is a strong Prohibitionist; fraternally, he belongs to Ben Hur Lodge, of Carlisle, and religiously, both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

JAMES WHIPPS.—A practical and skilful farmer, James Whipps, of Haddon township, is an able representative of the horticultural and agricultural interests of Sullivan county. His highly improved farm, lying south of Carlisle, contains the site of old Fort Haddon, the fort itself having been located very near the house in which Mr. Whipps lives. A son of Reuben Whipps, he was born, October 9, 1853, in Perry county, Ohio, of Irish ancestry. His grandfather Whipps emigrated from Ireland to this country, bringing with him his wife and children, locating in Perry county, Ohio, where he was engaged in tilling the soil until his death.

Born in Ireland, in September, 1812, Reuben Whipps came with the family to the United States, assisted his father in establishing a home in Perry county, Ohio, and there resided during the earlier years of his life. Coming from there to Sullivan county, Indiana, he located in Haddon

township on April 7, 1857. Buying land just east of Carlisle, he improved a good homestead, and as a tiller of the soil met with signal success, at the time of his death, which occurred February 6, 1886, being owner of three hundred and twenty-seven acres of valuable land. He was a Jacksonian Democrat in politics, and an earnest supporter of the principles of his party. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Welch. She was born in Ireland, January 10, 1822, a daughter of George Welch, who came to this country with his family, and settled in Ohio, living first in Harrison county, but spending the later years of his life in Perry county. Six children were born of their union, namely: William and George residing in California; John, a farmer; Thomas, deceased; James, of this sketch; and Mary Ann, wife of Dudley Willis, of California.

Brought up on the home farm, James Whipps received his early education in the district schools, which he attended in the long winter terms, laboring on the farm during seed time and harvest. He remained beneath the parental roof until thirty years of age, when he moved to the farm which he now owns and occupies, but which was then owned by his father. Continuing the improvements already begun on the place, Mr. Whipps has now a valuable farm of ninety-two acres, its land being highly cultivated, and one of the most productive in the vicinity. Here he is raising both grain and stock, and for the past eight years has made a specialty of raising potatoes and strawberries for the home market, doing an extensive and lucrative business in this branch of industry. He raises fine varieties of strawberries, having the Warfield, Haviland, Sample, Excelsior, and Senator Dunlap, all of which are especially fine, being pleasing to the eye and of particularly rich flavor.

On October 9, 1883, Mr. Whipps married Margaret McClure, who was born in Knox county, Indiana, August 6, 1858, and was there educated. After completing a course at the Bruceville Normal School, she taught four years in Knox county, being a teacher in the public schools of Oaktown for a year. Her parents, Hiram and Rosella (Wilson) McClure, spent their lives in Knox county, being farmers. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Whipps, namely: Chellis O., born January 19, 1885, was graduated from the Carlisle high school with the class of 1905, and is now assisting his father on the home farm; and Clara E., born March 17, 1888, was graduated from the Carlisle high school with the class of 1906. True to the political faith in which he was reared, Mr. Whipps is an uncompromising Democrat. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to the Carlisle lodges of both organizations. He and his wife and their son and daughter are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN A. HOKE.—Numbered among the practical and progressive agriculturists of Sullivan county is John A. Hoke, who is successfully employed in his chosen occupation on the old Hoke homestead, which lies three miles south of Carlisle. He was born on the homestead where

he has spent his entire life, May 6, 1842, being a son of Jacob and Rosanna (Brentlinger) Hoke, and a brother of William F. Hoke, in whose sketch, on another page of this work, further parental history may be found.

Assisting in the clearing and improving of the home farm, Mr. Hoke remained with his parents as long as they lived, and subsequently succeeded to the ownership of the original tract of land that his father took up from the government, and the title to which has never been changed. He has now one hundred and eighty-three acres of rich and arable land, and also one hundred and twenty acres in the same township, which is well improved and judiciously cultivated, constituting one of the model farms of the vicinity. He carries on general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of the black Poll-Angus cattle. He feeds each year about a half carload of cattle, from one to two carloads of Poland China hogs, and raises Shropshire sheep. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Carlisle, and is a Democrat in his political affiliations.

Mr. Hoke married, January 3, 1875, Elizabeth Brentlinger, who was born, March 12, 1849, in Clark county, Indiana. Her parents, Joseph and Camellia (Wells) Brentlinger, were born and reared in Kentucky, but shortly after their marriage settled in Clark county, Indiana, where they improved a farm, on which they spent their remaining years. Five children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hoke, namely: Estella, born in July, 1878, married Austin Wortman, who lives on a part of Mr. Hoke's farm, and they have one child, Helen; Evelyn, born December 24, 1880, married Ivan Lismann, and they live just across the street from Mr. Hoke; Albert and Allie, twins, born in December, 1882, are unmarried, and live with their parents; and Camellia, born in July, 1887, lives at home. Mr. Hoke's daughters are members of the Methodist church.

MRS. MARY LOUISE (COLLINS) BRENTLINGER.—A highly esteemed woman of Haddon township, Mrs. Mary L. Brentlinger has spent her entire life in Sullivan county. She was born two and one-half miles south of Carlisle, October 6, 1839, a daughter of William S. Collins. Coming from Scotch descent on the paternal side, and from English stock on his mother's side, William S. Collins, was born, May 30, 1798, in Sumner county, Maryland. At the age of nineteen years, being of an active and enterprising disposition, and possessing a resolute will and an honorable ambition to better his material condition, he left home, determining in a newer country to seek a living. Going, therefore, to Gallatin county, Kentucky, he lived there a short time, and then located, in 1818, in Louisville, where he resided until after his marriage. Coming with his bride to Sullivan county in 1837, he located in Haddon township, and was here a resident until his death, July 6, 1886. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Hoke, was born, in 1797, in Jefferson county, Kentucky, and died, in Sullivan county, Indiana, at the age of sixty-eight years. Nine children were born to them, as follows: Sarah, deceased; James O., of Haddon township; the next two children died in infancy; Julia Cather-



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ine, living with her brother Edward; Mercer D., deceased; Edward, residing in Jefferson township; Alfred B., deceased; and Mary Louise, of this brief sketch.

On January 28, 1863, Mary L. Collins became the wife of Andrew J. Brentlinger, who was born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, October 27, 1827, and died in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, February 6, 1905. His father, Jacob Brentlinger, was born, July 4, 1793, in Jefferson county, Kentucky, and there spent the earlier portion of his life. In 1836 he followed the trail of the emigrant to Indiana, locating in Clark county, where he passed his remaining years, dying February 19, 1874. On January 5, 1826, he married Sarah Hoke, who was born, March 12, 1804, in Jefferson county, Kentucky, and died, in Clark county, Indiana, July 12, 1884. Of their union, thirteen children were born, namely: Robert H., deceased; Andrew J., deceased; Susan C., deceased; Charles M.; Mary F., widow of the late William McMillan, residing in Clark county, Indiana; Rosanna, widow of the late Mr. Barrickman, lives in Charlestown, Indiana; Matilda, deceased; Sarah A., deceased; Amanda, widow of the late James Beggs, resides in Arcola, Illinois; George W., deceased; Jacob A., living in Kentucky; Eva Elizabeth, deceased; and John W., living in Kansas.

Brought up on a farm in Jefferson county, Kentucky, where his birth occurred, Andrew J. Brentlinger received a common school education, and early in life became well acquainted with the various branches of agriculture. With his parents he came to Clark county, Indiana, in 1836, and was there a resident for a number of years. In March, 1860, he bought two hundred acres of land in Haddon township, and with characteristic industry and ability, began its improvement. He succeeded in his efforts, and for many years was one of the leading agriculturists of this part of the county. He raised grain to quite an extent, but was especially interested in stock farming, each year feeding and raising on an average a carload of hogs, chiefly Poland-Chinas, which were his favorite breed. Just a short time previous to his death, Mr. Brentlinger sold one-half of his farm, his widow and heirs now owning the remainder of the estate. He was a straightforward Democrat in politics; fraternally, he belonged to Carlisle Lodge of the I. O. O. F. In early life Mr. Brentlinger united with the Methodist Episcopal church, in Charlestown, Indiana, but after coming to Haddon township became a member of the Carlisle Presbyterian church, to which Mrs. Brentlinger belongs.

Mr. and Mrs. Brentlinger became the parents of six children, namely: Agnes A., born November 11, 1863, died October 15, 1869; Emmett P., born January 20, 1865, lives in Carlisle; Kate C., born November 20, 1866, died April 30, 1902; William J., born June 30, 1869, resides in Carlisle; Charles T., born September 19, 1873, died April 25, 1874; and Rush E., born January 7, 1878, lives with his mother on the old homestead, which he is managing most successfully. On March 8, 1899, Rush E. Brentlinger married Sallie D. Vigus, who was born in Knox county, Indiana, March 22, 1877, a daughter of Henry C. and Barbara (Norton) Vigus. Mr. Vigus was born in Martin county, Indiana, and Mrs. Vigus

in Sullivan county. They are now living in Merom, Sullivan county. On September 4, 1907, Mrs. Rush E. Brentlinger died, leaving one child, Hubert V., born September 15, 1900.

PLEASANT ALEXANDER MINICH.—Of honored pioneer descent, and for many years a leading agriculturist of Sullivan county, Pleasant A. Minich has the distinction of being one of the very oldest native-born citizens of Haddon township, his birth having occurred here, about three miles south of Carlisle, June 6, 1822, on the farm which his father, Adam Minich, entered from the government. Of German descent, Adam Minich was born, in 1791, in Virginia. During a part of his early life he resided in Tennessee, living there until after his marriage. Coming to Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1819, he located in Haddon township, buying a tract of wild land from the government. He began the clearing of a farm, and also worked at his trade of a saddlemaker, living here until his death, in 1826, while yet in the prime of life. He was a Jacksonian Democrat, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah O'Haver, was born in Tennessee, May 16, 1799. She bore him five children, as follows: Two who died in infancy; Pleasant Alexander, of this sketch; Mary, deceased; and Sarah, deceased. His widow subsequently married for her second husband Richard Whalen, grandfather of Dr. Joseph Whalen, of Carlisle, of whom a brief sketch is given elsewhere in this work, and they reared several children.

Succeeding to the free and independent occupation to which he was reared, P. A. Minich has resided on his present homestead since June, 1856, and during the fifty and more years that have since passed has contributed his full share towards advancing the agricultural and industrial interests of the community. As a farmer, he has had excellent success, his two hundred and eighty acres of land being in a fine condition. Since 1881 he has not performed any of the actual labor devolving upon an agriculturist, having relegated the management of his farm to his son William, but has lived in ease and comfort, enjoying the reward of his earlier years of persistent toil. True to the political faith in which he was brought up, he is a straightforward Democrat.

On April 24, 1856, Mr. Minich married Sarah Corbin, who was born, January 25, 1832, in Haddon township, on the same farm that he was. Her father, Vincent Corbin, was born in Virginia, in 1799, and died in Haddon township, on the farm which he bought from the government in 1829, his death occurring February 20, 1871. He married, in Kentucky, Julia Spencer, who was born in that state, in 1805, and died in Haddon township, Indiana, in January, 1891. Three children were born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Minich, namely: A. V., of Sullivan, of whom a sketch may be found in this biographical work; William Franklin, born August 22, 1859; and Charles Theodore, born October 21, 1860, who died July 14, 1861.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN MINICH has spent his entire life on the parental homestead, at first carrying it on with his father. The past twenty-five or thirty years, however, he has had entire control of the estate, and has carried on general farming and stock raising with great success. He finds hog raising and feeding especially profitable, raising from one to five carloads each year. He is now paying considerable attention to the breeding of cattle, formerly the black Poll-Angus. Politically, Mr. Minich is a Democrat, and fraternally, he belongs to Carlisle Lodge, No. 3, F. & A. M.; to the Modern Woodmen of America; and to the Ben Hur Lodge of Carlisle.

On May 6, 1891, Mr. Minich married Sarah C. Risinger, who was born in Knox county, Indiana, September 21, 1862, a daughter of Charles and Martha (Snapp) Risinger, of whom further history is given in connection with the sketch of Thomas S. Risinger. Mrs. William F. Minich is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bethlehem. They have no children.

IVIN SYLVESTER LISMAN.—Conspicuous among the wide-awake, progressive business men of Haddon township is Ivin S. Lisman, who is actively identified with many of the more substantial enterprises of this part of Sullivan county, and holds an assured position among the thriving agriculturists of his community. A son of William F. and Martha Elizabeth (Padgett) Lisman, he was born in Haddon township, November 22, 1874, and was here bred and educated.

Acquiring under his father's tuition a practical knowledge of the many branches of agriculture, Mr. Lisman remained on the parental homestead until twenty-eight years old, in the meantime earning and saving money. Beginning farming on his own account in 1902, he bought one hundred and thirty-one and one-half acres of land, three miles south of Carlisle, and in the fall of that year took possession of it. Here he has since devoted his energies and time to grain and stock farming, each year raising from one and one-half to two carloads of hogs, mostly Poland Chinas, for which he finds a ready market at top prices. In his agricultural labors, Mr. Lisman has been almost invariably fortunate, meeting with far more success than discouragement. He possesses recognized financial ability, and is secretary and treasurer of the Carlisle Coach Horse Company; a stockholder in the coach horse "Ozar," which is kept in Carlisle; and owns stock in the People's State Bank of Carlisle. Politically, he is a Republican, and fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 3332, and also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On November 26, 1902, Mr. Lisman married Mary Evelyn Hoke, who was born December 24, 1879, a daughter of John A. and Elizabeth (Brentlinger) Hoke, of whom a brief sketch may be found on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Lisman have no children. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bethlehem, in Haddon township. Mrs. Lisman is a member of the Rebekah Lodge at Carlisle.

MICHAEL UNGER.—A man of enterprise and ability, Michael Unger is intimately identified with the agricultural interests of Sullivan county, his farm being pleasantly located in Haddon township, near Bethlehem. A son of Michael Unger, Sr., he was born, October 5, 1834, in Canada, not far from Buffalo, New York. Michael Unger, Sr., a native of Alsace, France, spent a number of years in Canada, but in 1837 returned with his family to his native country, and subsequently lived in Alsace until his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Raches, was born in France, lived in Canada, and went back to France with her husband, living there a number of years after his death, then returning to America and spending her last days in Indianapolis, Indiana.

But three years old when he accompanied his parents to France, Michael Unger was there bred and educated, attending school in France for fourteen years, being a pupil in both French and German schools, and being now able to converse fluently in the French, German and English languages, an accomplishment of decided value to a business man. Returning to America in 1851, Mr. Unger was for five years employed in a whalebone factory in New Jersey. The following five years he resided in Walworth county, Wisconsin, near Racine, and there had his first experience as an agriculturist. Going then to Topeka, Kansas, he worked for a year at the stone mason's trade, after which he spent another year in Walworth county, Wisconsin. Going then to Indianapolis to meet his mother, who had just returned from France, he was there employed as a firing engineer in the railroad shops for ten years. Desiring a change of occupation, Mr. Unger farmed for a year in Knox county, Indiana, and then worked for another eighteen months in the Indianapolis car shops. Taking up his residence in Sullivan county in 1878, Mr. Unger bought his present farm of eighty-two and one-half acres, in Haddon township, and has since been here industriously and prosperously employed in agricultural pursuits, his farm lying about four miles south of Carlisle. He carries on general farming, including both stock and grain raising, and is meeting with deserved success, his well tilled fields yielding abundant harvests each year.

On December 17, 1861, Mr. Unger married Carrie Deiss, who was born, November 12, 1843, in Germany, a daughter of John Frederick and Wilhelmina (Heifner) Deiss. Mr. and Mrs. Deiss came to the United States with their family in 1851, and for a number of years lived in Ohio, being in Georgetown until 1853, and in Salem from that time until 1859. Coming then to Indiana, they resided in Noble county, near Kendallville, for fifteen years, after which they spent a year in Indianapolis. They then came to Haddon township, where they bought a farm, on which both spent their remaining years. Eleven children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Unger, namely: William, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, born August 1, 1864, married William Pruesner, of Haddon township, and died November 27, 1904, leaving one child, Wilhelmina; Minnie, born October 17, 1866, married Rollie Collins, and died November 12, 1900; George Henry, born January 28,

1869, resides on a farm adjoining his father's; Edgar, born December 1, 1871, married Flora Roach, and lives in Knox county; Emma, born January 9, 1875, married, August 23, 1908, Mordecai Cox, a teacher in Vincennes; Della, deceased; Carrie, born July 14, 1878, lives with her parents; Nellie, deceased; Lillian, born September 7, 1882; and Harry, who was born October 31, 1886, died in 1891. Politically, Mr. Unger is identified with the Republican party, and religiously, he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Bethlehem, which is near their home.

GEORGE HENRY UNGER.—Holding an excellent position among the practical and thriving agriculturists of Sullivan county is George Henry Unger, a son of Michael and Caroline (Deiss) Unger, of whom a brief personal history is given on another page of this volume. Born, January 2, 1869, on a farm lying in the southeast corner of Haddon township, George H. Unger was about a year old when his parents removed to Indianapolis, where he acquired the rudiments of his education. Returning with the family to this part of Sullivan county in 1878, he here completed his early education in the district schools, and until attaining his majority remained with his parents. Going then to Knox county, he worked by the month for two years, after which he assisted his father on the home farm for four years. Beginning then his career as an agriculturist on his own account, Mr. Unger bought the old Walston farm of ninety-six acres in Knox county, where he was actively engaged in his chosen occupation for seven years. Deciding to make a change, he then sold out, and for a year resided in Indianapolis. Returning to the scenes of his childhood, he subsequently purchased the George McCormick homestead, which adjoins his father's farm, buying it in March, 1903, and assuming its possession in September of that year. It contains sixty-six and two-thirds acres, a large part of which is under a high state of cultivation, and here he is carrying on general farming and stock raising with most satisfactory results.

On September 10, 1896, Mr. Unger married Cora Keith, who was born, November 14, 1873, on the south line of Sullivan county, a daughter of Marion and Elizabeth (Curry) Keith, the father born in Knox county, and the mother in Dubois county, Indiana, and they died in Sullivan county. Mrs. Unger was educated in the Bicknell high school, and subsequently remained at home until her marriage, receiving from her mother a good training in the domestic arts. Mr. and Mrs. Unger have no children of their own, but in 1907 they adopted a daughter, Doris Unger, who is now four years of age, and is a bright and interesting child. Both Mr. and Mrs. Unger are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Bethlehem. Mr. Unger is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 3332, at Carlisle, Indiana.

RICHARD WILLIAM HOKE.—A worthy representative of the agriculturists of Sullivan county, and a respected and highly esteemed citizen of Haddon township, is Richard William Hoke, of this brief personal history, in which are recorded a few of the more important events of his life. A son of George H. Hoke, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, he was born in Widner township, Knox county, Indiana, April 4, 1862, of pioneer ancestry. His father was three times married. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Mary H. Pearce, he had three children, of whom Richard W., is the only survivor. George H. Hoke married, second, Mary Polk, who bore him three children. By his marriage with his present wife, Alice Scanling, he has one child.

Brought up in Widner township, Richard W. Hoke obtained his early education in the district schools, and until twenty-six years of age assisted in the care of the home farm, in the meantime acquiring a practical knowledge of the science and art of agriculture. Buying then the old Pearce homestead, on which his grandfather, Richard William Pearce, settled in the very early part of the past century, while the Indians were still numerous, and while

"The forests in their grandeur all proud and noble stood,

Ere the woodman's blows rang echoing in the deep and darksome wood."

Continuing the improvements previously begun, Mr. Hoke has added greatly to the value of his property, his buildings being now in excellent repair, and his house occupying a beautiful site on a natural elevation. As a general farmer, he has met with richly deserved success, both as a grain raiser and as a stock breeder and feeder, raising each year from two to four carloads of hogs, an industry which brings him much money, as do his two carloads of cattle which he ships each year. Mr. Hoke has also other interests of value, being a stockholder in the People's State Bank of Carlisle. He is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, and a member of Carlisle Lodge, No. 3, F. & A. M.

On March 5, 1889, Mr. Hoke married Mary Osborn, who was born in Widner township, Knox county, Indiana, September 17, 1865, a daughter of Wines and America (Colton) Osborn. Her father was born in Greene county, Indiana, December 20, 1839, and her mother was born November 3, 1842, in Haddon township, Sullivan county. They were married in 1864, in Haddon township, and after living for a year in Greene county, settled in Widner township, Knox county, where they resided until 1900, when they retired from farming, and have since made their home in Oaktown. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Osborn, as follows: Mary, wife of Mr. Hoke; Emma, deceased; Anna, wife of Lee Bond, of Oaktown; and Theodore W., of Oaktown. Mr. and Mrs. Hoke have one child, George Osborn Hoke, born June 5, 1897, now attending school in Carlisle. Religiously, Mrs. Hoke is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

In December, 1906, Mr. Hoke, his wife and little son Osborn made a pleasure trip to Monterey, Mexico, and spent some two months in the land of the Montezumas. Mr. Hoke is known amongst the citizens of

Carlisle as an intrepid hunter and dead shot, and passionately fond of the chase. Whilst in the mountain wilds of Mexico, he killed fourteen deer, one Mexican tiger, one haviline or wild hog and a mountain wolf and hundreds of ducks. He had the skins of the animals tanned by a Mexican and they adorn his country residence. He killed the Mexican tiger with a No. 303 "Savage" rifle, sixty yards distance, whilst the animal was feeding upon the carcass of a deer which Mr. Hoke had slain. He expects to again spend some of the hunting seasons in that country. His father, George Hoke, and wife also spent a vacation at Monterey and Tampico, on the Gulf of Mexico. Richard Hoke and his brother Charles, who is a resident of Monterey, witnessed four bull fights, which is the national sport in Mexico.

JOHN L. HINKLE.—An industrious and thriving farmer of Haddon township, John L. Hinkle comes of substantial pioneer stock, and is an excellent representative of the native-born citizens of this part of Sullivan county, his birth having occurred, March 23, 1863, on what was then known as the old Walker farm, near the Knox county line.

James S. Hinkle, father of John L., was born in Kentucky, but when eight years of age came to Sullivan county with his parents, who entered government land in Haddon township, and on the farm which they improved spent the remaining years of their lives. During the days of his youth and early manhood he assisted his father in the strenuous labor of reclaiming a farm from the forest. When ready to settle in life he chose farming as the occupation most congenial to his tastes, and has always been employed in agricultural pursuits, his home being now one and one-half miles northeast of Carlisle. Until recently he was an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and for four years rendered excellent service as justice of the peace. He is a man of eminent piety, and a consistent member of the Baptist church, to which his wife also belonged. He married Eliza Walker, who was born in Haddon township, on the farm adjoining the one owned by her son John, and died, in this township, about 1880. She bore her husband six children, as follows: Elzora Jane, deceased; John L., of this sketch; Carrie L., deceased; Cora May, deceased; Hammet D., who was graduated from the State Normal school, at Terre Haute, and afterwards taught school for four years in Knox and Sullivan counties, has been practicing law the past five years in Vincennes; and Charles H., who is married, and resides with his father.

Brought up on a farm, and receiving a common school education, John L. Hinkle remained at home until attaining his majority. Following in the footsteps of his ancestors, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits at that time, and for four years farmed for himself in Widner township, Knox county. The ensuing three years he was similarly employed in Gill township, after which he spent two more years in Knox county. Coming then to Haddon township, Sullivan county, Mr. Hinkle purchased the farm where he now resides, and has since carried on gen-

eral farming, including grain and stock raising, with signal success, cultivating, in addition to his own farm, other land. He takes especial interest in breeding and raising fine horses, and is a stockholder in the Carlisle Coach Horse Company. In his political affiliations, he is a staunch Republican.

Mr. Hinkle married, November 12, 1905, Anna Jones, who was born in Busseron township, Knox county, Indiana, March 28, 1876, a daughter of Thomas and Nancy Ellen (Ridgeway) Jones. Her parents, natives of Knox county, are now living, retired from farming pursuits, in Oaktown. Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle have one child, Elzora Jane. Religiously, Mr. Hinkle was reared in the Baptist faith, and Mrs. Hinkle is a valued member of the Church of Christ, of Oaktown, Indiana.

JAMES KAUTZMAN WILSON.—A prominent member of the farming community of Sullivan county, and a man of sterling integrity and worth, James K. Wilson, of Haddon township, has been an important factor in the development of this part of the state, and in the advancement of its welfare. He is a son of the late John L. Wilson, and grandson of Peter Wilson, who, with three of his brothers, John, Adam and George, came to Sullivan county, Indiana, and were among the original settlers of Haddon township. Mr. Wilson's great-grandfather, John Wilson, was born, June 16, 1761, in what is now Hardin county, West Virginia, and as a young man served in the Revolutionary war. He married Susan A. Kautzman, who was of German descent, and who lived to the age of ninety-four years, dying July 17, 1857. Great-grandfather Wilson died in Greene county, Tennessee, April 13, 1809.

Born in Greene county, Tennessee, May 15, 1792, Peter Wilson died, January 29, 1849, in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana. Inheriting the patriotism that inspired his ancestors, he served in the war of 1812. Coming with his family to Haddon township in 1828, he entered forty acres of land in section 18, having a deed written on sheepskin and signed by President Andrew Jackson. It is one of the first deeds executed in Sullivan county, being dated October 23, 1835. This is a valuable souvenir. Being very successful, Peter Wilson from time to time bought other land, having at his death one hundred and sixty acres. He married Judith Welty, who was born in Germany and died in Haddon township, November 15, 1854. They reared but one child, John L. Wilson.

John L. Wilson was born in Greenville, Greene county, Tennessee, May 5, 1817, and died, June 17, 1897, in Haddon township, on the farm now occupied by his son James. Engaged in agricultural pursuits during his entire life, he was eminently successful, and acquired a good property, at one time holding title to three hundred and eighty-nine acres of valuable land. He was active in local affairs, and until Lincoln's time was identified with the Democratic party. He married Elizabeth Stephens, who was born in Jessamine county, Kentucky, January 12, 1821,

and died, September 4, 1865, in Haddon township. Into their household ten sons were born, namely: Peter, who died in Bolivar, Missouri, in 1888, leaving a widow and two sons, who still reside there; William Stephens, of Ripley county, Missouri, and his twin brother, Harvey, who died at the age of one month and twenty days; James Kautzman, of this sketch; John Martin, living in Edgar county, Illinois; Courtney M., of Seattle, Washington; Uriah, of Jefferson township; Jasper, deceased; Ashpel P., deceased; and Morton, deceased. Both parents were lifelong members of the Presbyterian church.

At the age of nineteen years, James K. Wilson, who had received a good common school education, enlisted in Company D, Twenty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which his brother William served from July, 1861, until January, 1866. James K. was mustered out of service, at Indianapolis, in January, 1866, having been doing garrison duty during the entire period of his enlistment. He was a member of the state militia also in 1863 and his captain was Samuel McCormick. After returning home, Mr. Wilson began farming on a piece of land given him by his father. He afterwards sold that land, and purchased another farm. In 1874, he bought the farm where he now resides, and has since carried on general farming with great success. He has a good residence and comfortable farm buildings, everything about the premises indicating the care and supervision of an able manager. Mr. Wilson's entire farm is underlaid with a four to five foot vein of coal, and a gas well is about one-half mile from his residence.

On April 8, 1869, Mr. Wilson married Laura Jane Johnson, who was born, November 16, 1845, in Haddon township, which was likewise the birthplace of her father, Samuel Johnson, while her mother, whose maiden name was Amanda Elizabeth Reid, was a native of Jefferson township. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson four children have been born, namely: one who died in infancy; Amanda E., born December 12, 1870, is the wife of Charles L. Pirtle, of Hamilton township, of whom a brief sketch may be found in this volume; Jasper Nevil, born July 15, 1873, married Iona Bensinger, and lives in Jefferson township; and James A., born November 4, 1875. James A. served in the Spanish-American war, being under command of General Lawton in the Philippines. He is now a member of the Coast Artillery Company, and was stationed at Fort Miley, at the Golden Gate, and is now at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, Sixty-fourth Company of United States Coast Artillery. He is unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have seven grandchildren, six grandsons, and one granddaughter. They and their children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Bethlehem.

CAPTAIN NEVEL BLACKMER BOONE, a veteran of the Civil war and a large land owner in Sullivan county, Indiana, comes of the Boone stock of which "Old Daniel Boone, the Hunter of Kentucky," was a member. Captain Boone, of this narrative, was born in Boone township, Harrison

county, Indiana, June 12, 1835, a son of Craven Boone, and grandson of George Boone, who was a cousin of Squire Boone, the latter being a brother of the old pioneer Daniel Boone, and an early settler in Harrison county. Captain Boone's mother was Sarah Newman, daughter of Benjamin Newman, a native of Virginia, who moved to Tennessee and from there to Indiana. The captain is one of a family of eleven children born to his parents, Craven and Sarah (Newman) Boone. He was reared and educated in the common schools of Harrison county, Indiana, as well as the higher schools of Corydon, Indiana. Elected recorder of Harrison county in 1858, he resigned after three years and organized Company E, of the Eighty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment. He was mustered in August 29, 1862, and served faithfully and well until his discharge in October, 1863. He took active part in the battles of Stone River and Chickamauga, after which he resigned and returned home. He was engaged in the dry goods business at Laconia in 1864 and then moved to New Albany, and from there to several other places, returning then to Harrison county and locating at Corydon. Here he remained for a time, then removed to Mauckport, where he sold goods a year and a half, and purchased a store-boat on which he made two trips—one to Cottonwood Point, Missouri, and one to Memphis. Captain Boone was in the mercantile business from 1864 to 1874, since which year he has been devoting his time to agriculture. He remained on his farm until May, 1906, when he moved his family to Carlisle, where he has lived since. He still owns his farm in Harrison county, the same consisting of two hundred and fifteen acres, and it is now carried on by his son, Rush H. Boone.

Politically, Captain Boone is a firm believer in the principles of pure Democracy. He was united in marriage to Anna R. Helms, October 8, 1867. She was born August 1, 1846, daughter of Dr. H. N. Helms by his wife, Mary, the latter being a daughter of Rev. John Davis, a Methodist preacher, and a sister of Hon. John W. Davis, of Sullivan county, who was a member of Congress. Captain and Mrs. Boone have had nine children, as follows: Rush H., residing in Harrison county, where he is engaged in farming on the father's place; Mary M.; Ida, wife of Theodore Elbert, residing in Louisville, Kentucky; Lola V., wife of Oliver Neely, of Anderson, Indiana, a retired merchant; Fay N., now attending the state normal, at Terre Haute, and will graduate with the class of 1909; Bonnie, unmarried and at home; Hamet N. and Anna C., twins, died in infancy; Daniel E., deceased. Mrs. Boone and the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

It should be subjoined, in this connection, that Mrs. Boone is the daughter of Dr. Helms, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Carlisle, who died at his home, September 16, 1902. He was born near Geneva, New York, October 3, 1814, and came with his father to Carlisle, Indiana, in 1817. His education was begun in the old log school house, and he studied medicine with Dr. John W. Davis, afterward studying at Lexington, Kentucky. Dr. Helms commenced medical practice at Edwardsport, where he remained one year. He also practiced at Carlisle

with Dr. Davis and Dr. Murphy, and later with Dr. John M. Hinkle and Dr. W. R. Miller. About 1873, he abandoned the practice of medicine and turned his attention to farming. Politically, he was a staunch defender of Democratic principles, and in church connection was of the Methodist denomination. He was twice married, first to Mary Ann Davis, by whom three children were born: Dr. Rush Helms, who died in 1887; Margaret, of Haddon township; and Anna R., wife of Mr. Boone, of this biography. For his second wife, Dr. Helms married Amanda Sallee, who survived the doctor, dying in 1905. Three sons were the issue by this union: Sammel Dixon, deceased; Albert Gray, also deceased; Daniel V., who resides on a farm in Haddon township.

JOHN UNGER, who is known as one of the heavy farmers of Sullivan county, carrying on as he does both grain and stock farming in an up-to-date manner, as well as being an extensive grower of watermelons, naturally finds a place in the family history of the representative men of Sullivan county. Mr. Unger comes from a family well and favorably known in the south of Europe. He was born, October 6, 1843, in France, a son of Michael and Malissa (Gregor) Unger. (For a sketch of Michael Unger, the reader is referred to his personal sketch in this work.) In 1875, John Unger came to America and located in Ohio, within Ashland county, where he worked on a farm by the month. In 1876, he went to Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, where he rented a farm to the south of Bethlehem church, where his brother Michael now lives. After a two-year stay there he moved up to within about one mile of Carlisle, where he also remained two years. Thinking to better his condition, he removed to a place east of Bethlehem church, remaining one year, and then located in Widner township, Knox county, where he lived two years, going back then to Haddon township, near Ermin Station. Upon leaving that farm, Mr. Unger went to the John A. Hoke place and continued there five years, purchasing then the one hundred and two acres of land upon which he now resides, the same being situated four miles west of Carlisle, bordering on the Gill and Haddon township lines. Here, in addition to his general grain and stock farming operations, he raises about thirty-five acres of watermelons annually of late years. His present farm consists of about three hundred acres. He moved to this place in March 1889.

Mr. Unger was united in marriage, January 20, 1876, to Catherine Lake, born in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, April 5, 1844, a daughter of Abraham and Ursula (Roberts) Lake. The father was born September 3, 1802, in Tennessee, and the mother in old Virginia. This worthy couple were married in Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1830. Abraham Lake came to Indiana before it had been admitted into the union. He came along with the Minichs and followed farming and stock raising. His children were as follows: Elizabeth, Morris, Mary Ann, John, Martha, Jane, Thomas, Catherine, Eliza, all of whom are now dead, excepting Mrs. Unger. She was educated in Jefferson township.

Mr. and Mrs. Unger are the parents of the following children: George W., born November 23, 1876; Morris, born July 31, 1878, educated in the district schools and a civil engineering school, and is now a car framer at the American Car Shops, Terre Haute; Thomas, born March 8, 1880, died in 1893; William, born August 16, 1882, educated in the district schools, is unmarried and on the farm with his father; Frank, born December 6, 1884, also educated in the district schools, unmarried, and assists on the home farm; Charles, born December 16, 1887, educated in the common schools, being graduated from the Carlisle high school with the class of 1906, and now attending law college at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and will graduate with the class of 1909. Politically, John Unger believes in the general principles laid down by the Republican party. Both he and his wife are exemplary members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JAMES WILLIAM ADAMS, one of the thoroughgoing agriculturists of Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, is a native of the township in which he now resides, and was born November 17, 1864, a son of Isaac and Barbara (Summers) Adams. The father was born in Virginia and the mother in Haddon township. Grandfather Adams and family were among the early settlers. Isaac Adams was one of five children, as follows: Mary, deceased; Benjamin, deceased; James, deceased; Isaac; and one who died in infancy. Isaac was always a farmer and stock raiser. Politically, he was a Democrat. He and his wife were faithful members of the Christian church. The mother died in 1876, aged forty-three years, and the father in the spring of 1898, aged seventy-two years. The children of Isaac Adams and wife were: Thomas, deceased; the next two both died in infancy; Hannah, wife of Richard Hackett, residing in Haddon township; Rebecca, wife of William Clark, also residing in Haddon township; Belle, deceased; James W., of this notice; Jesse, a resident of Knox county, Indiana; Stonewall Jackson, residing in Oak-town, Indiana; Isaac, residing on the Adams homestead, on Shaker Prairie.

James William Adams remained at home on the father's farm until about fifteen years of age, when he began working by the month for various farmers until he was twenty-two years of age, commencing then to farm on his own account, on a farm which he purchased and where he lived one year. He then lived on and farmed the Samuel A. White farm for eight years, after which he bought the fifty-seven acres where he now resides, in the spring of 1898. Besides cultivating his own land he rents a large acreage from other farmers. He carries on general grain and stock farming, besides being an extensive grower of water-melons, planting out from thirty to forty acres annually. In his political choice, he is a stanch Democrat. Believing in the theory that every man should make some provision in the way of life insurance for the benefit of his family, he carries a membership policy in the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to Camp No. 3332, at Carlisle.

Mr. Adams was married, September 27, 1891, to Isabelle Wolfe, born November 4, 1870, on the old Wolfe homestead on Shaker Prairie, in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana. She was educated in the district schools. Her parents were William B. and Flora (Fry) Wolfe. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are members of the Christian church. Eight children have been born of this union: Orville E., born July 8, 1892, died November 28, 1897; Flora B., May 3, 1894, died August 14, 1906; Roy J., November 22, 1895; Mervin W., May 8, 1898; Joseph C., April 6, 1900; Edith G., May 23, 1903; Gracie G., born March 11, 1905; William B., born January 16, 1907.

WILLIAM E. TUCKER, who owned one of the productive farms situated within Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, was a native of Franklin county, North Carolina, born April 26, 1838, son of James Madison and Betsey Ann (Stone) Tucker. The father was born in Nash county and the mother in Franklin county, North Carolina, where they were united in marriage, and both died in that county. The son William E., was reared on a farm and had the advantages of a common school education. When the Civil war broke out and in 1862, when it was known that a fierce conflict was to be waged between the North and South, he enlisted in Company B, Forty-seventh Regiment of North Carolina, as a private soldier, and served until 1866. He took part in the engagements at Second Bull Run, Cold Harbor, the Wilderness, being captured at the last named place. He also fought at the battle of Gettysburg. He was made a prisoner of war at Petersburg, Virginia, in April, 1866, and released a few days later in April.

In the same month he located in Haddon township, Sullivan county, where he attended the public schools and later the Ascension Seminary, at Farmersburg, Indiana, where he also worked for Capt. William T. Crawford, who founded the school last mentioned and was a professor in the same. After attending this most excellent educational institution for twelve months, Mr. Tucker began teaching in Haddon township, and taught twelve consecutive winters, while he farmed during the summer months. He taught three terms in Knox county and one in Greene county, but the balance of his teaching was all in Haddon township. After he quit teaching, he followed farming pursuits exclusively. Sometime during the eighties he purchased one hundred and six acres of land, to which he added at a later date twenty more. This place is situated four miles west of Carlisle, and borders on the Gill and Haddon township lines. Here he carried on a general farming and stock business and also raised several acres of watermelons each season. The peach orchard contains seven acres, while the apple orchard has the same acreage. Politically, Mr. Tucker was a Democrat, formerly, but of late leaned strongly towards the Socialist party. He died October 25, 1908, and was interred in Shaker Prairie Cemetery.

He was united in marriage, in 1872, to Mary Jane McKinley, who

was born in Knox county, a daughter of Steward and Mary (Wolfe) McKinley. Mary Wolfe was the sister of Thomas J. Wolfe, so well known in Sullivan county. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tucker: Aquilla P., born in 1873, residing at Carlisle, a mail carrier; Ira P., residing on his father's farm; Mary J. and Nancy J. (twins); the latter died in infancy and Mary Jane married John Hallett and resides in Gill township; Leacie E. is the wife of Isaac Cox, and they reside on the farm with the parents. Aquilla P. has four children: Gilbert, Bernice, Bertha and Phena. Ira P. has two children: Orvil and Opal. Mary Jane has one daughter—Geneva. Leacie E. has two children: Dora Marie and Gladys May.

CHARLES E. KNOTTS, perhaps one of the most extensive, as well as successful, melon raisers within the limits of Sullivan county, Indiana, whose farm is situated in Haddon township, is a native of the township in which he now resides, born May 10, 1868, a son of George and Sarah J. (Parrette) Knotts. The father was born in Pennsylvania, December 25, 1816, and died December 12, 1898, in Haddon township. The mother was born in Fayette county, Ohio, November 13, 1830, and died February 3, 1898. This worthy couple were united in marriage in Fayette county, Ohio, and came to Haddon township, Sullivan county, in the latter part of the sixties, locating a half mile west of Carlisle, on a farm containing two hundred and ten acres which they bought of William Akin. George and Sarah Knotts remained in Haddon township until their death. The father was a firm defender of Democratic party principles and in his fraternal affiliations was a Mason. His wife was a member of the Christian church. Their children were: George C., died December 30, 1893, aged thirty-one years; Lucy B., born March 25, 1864, died April 22, 1888; Charles E., of this notice.

Charles E. Knotts was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools, remaining at home until he reached his majority, when he began farming for himself in Haddon township. In 1891 he moved onto the farm he now occupies and owns, inheriting a part and purchasing the interests of the remaining heirs, thus making his present farm one hundred and twelve acres, all within Haddon township. Here he carries on an exclusive melon culture farm. For seven years he produced watermelons alone, but for the last seven years has grown muskmelons, which product finds ready sale within the state, including the large cities and smaller towns, within shipping distance. In his political views Mr. Knotts is in perfect accord with the Democratic party, but prefers that others hold the local offices, while he attends strictly to his own business, trusting in his fellow citizens to administer the laws within his county and state.

He was married March 25, 1887, to Rachel T. Carmichael, born in Greene county, Indiana, April 26, 1869, and she received a good education within the county of her birth. Her parents were George W. and Nancy Carmichael. Her father was born in Greene county, Indiana,

and is now residing in Terre Haute. The mother was born in Ohio and died when Mrs. Knotts was but eleven years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Knotts are the parents of seven children, as follows: Bessie M., born November 15, 1888, unmarried, a graduate from Brown's Business College at Terre Haute; Jesse M., born March 14, 1890; Carl R., born January 9, 1892; George R., born March 13, 1894; Charles V., born February 26, 1896; John A., born April 22, 1898; Henry Herbert, born March 24, 1900.

JAMES H. WILSON, one of the enterprising agriculturists whose attractive farm home is situated within the bounds of Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, was born November 28, 1851, in Hancock county, Indiana, on his father's farm. He is the son of Jacob and Hannah (Emmons) Wilson. The father was a native of Kentucky and the mother of Pennsylvania. They came to Indiana with their respective parents and located in Hancock county. In that county the parents of James H. were united in marriage and there the father followed farming until 1863, when the family went to Knox county, locating in Widner township, where he bought eighty acres of land, upon which he and his wife lived the balance of their lives. He died in November, 1880, and the mother in January, 1875. Eight children blessed their marriage union: Samuel, deceased; Robert, residing in Carlisle; Lewis, also of Carlisle; James H., of this biographical narrative; Silas, of Pleasantville, Indiana; William, of Los Angeles, California; Paul, a twin to Silas, died at the age of eight years; and one who died in infancy.

James H. Wilson, of this sketch, was reared on a farm and early taught the need of frugality and industry. He obtained his education after moving to Knox county. When he was but fifteen years of age he commenced to farm for others by the month, continuing until about twenty-three years of age and then began farming for himself. He continued to till the soil of Knox county for three seasons, coming then to Haddon township, in which sub-division of Sullivan county he has farmed ever since. He now owns a seventy-seven acre farm, which is in two tracts. He lives, however, on leased lands and farms about three hundred acres, including his own place and the rented grounds. Politically, he is a supporter of the Democratic party and is a firm believer in the principles of pure Jacksonian Democracy. In his fraternal connections he is a member of the Ben Hur lodge at Carlisle.

He was married September 28, 1873, to Alice Phillippe, born in Knox county, near Bruceville, Indiana, June 4, 1855, a daughter of William Johnson and Sarah (Minich) Phillippe. Her father was born in Virginia, and her mother in Haddon township, Sullivan county. She is a sister of Pleasant A. Minich, whose family history will be found in the sketch of W. F. Minich, within this work. William Johnson Phillippe came with his parents when a small boy to Knox county and the family located north of Vincennes. William Johnson Phillippe and wife moved to Haddon township when Mrs. Wilson was a small girl

and here they resided until their death. They had a family of six children, as follows: Alice, Mrs. Wilson; Flora, widow of James M. Harber, residing in Knox county; William A., of Haddon township; Franklin M., of Bruceville, Knox county; Martin J., of Oklahoma, now the editor of the *Register*, a local paper of Oklahoma; John M., of Los Angeles, California.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were born the following children: Elvin, born August 12, 1875, married Eva McClure, and they reside in Haddon township and are the parents of four children; Denver, born December 28, 1876, married Lydia Kennedy, and they reside in Haddon township, and have one daughter; Earle, born January 19, 1879, is unmarried and at home; Vernie, born April 29, 1881, wife of John D. Prose, residing in Carlisle, and they are the parents of two children; Flora, born May 28, 1884, married Miles Curry, residing in Terre Haute, and they have one son. Mr. Wilson's children were all educated at Carlisle. Elvin graduated from the high school and the Vincennes College, after which he returned to the farm, which has been his vocation ever since. James H. Wilson is quite an extensive hog raiser, and markets about one carload annually. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the parents are exemplary members.

DAVID E. EVERHART.—Prominent among the most prosperous, energetic and sagacious agriculturists of Sullivan county is David E. Everhart, who owns and occupies a large and well improved farm in Cass township. He ranks high among the progressive farmers and substantial business men of his community, and is everywhere respected as a man of honor and worth. A son of John Everhart, he was born March 5, 1855, in Lancaster, Owen county, Indiana, coming from German ancestry, his great-grandfather on the paternal side having emigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania when young, and there married a Scotch-Irish lassie. (The original spelling of the name was Eberhardt.) David Everhart, grandfather of David E., was born and bred in Pennsylvania. Emigrating to Ohio in early manhood, he became a pioneer settler of Tuscarawas county. Purchasing a tract of wild land, he began its improvement, and was there employed in tilling the soil until his death, when but thirty-five years of age. He married a Miss Hicks, who survived him many years.

A native of Ohio, John Everhart was born in Tuscarawas county in 1820. Learning the carpenter's trade when young, he followed it as a journeyman for a few years. In 1850, in company with a few neighboring families, he came across the country with teams to Indiana, and for a year lived in Wabash county. Returning then to Tuscarawas county, he located with his family on land given them by his father and was there a tiller of the soil for three years. Selling out in 1854, he again came with his family to Indiana, settling in Owen county. He purchased a tract of timber land, and in the log cabin which then stood



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upon the place, his son David E. was born. This section of Indiana was then almost a wilderness. Settlers were few and far between, and the forests were filled with an abundance of game of all kinds. He began the improvement of a homestead, clearing a large tract of the land, and erected a frame house and a double log stable. In 1867 he sold that property, came to Sullivan county, purchased a quarter of a section of land in Jackson township, and was there successfully employed in farming and stockraising until his death, in 1885. He married Martha Hoffer, who was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, in 1825, and died in Jackson township in 1887. Her father, Alexander Hoffer, emigrated from Switzerland to America in 1835, being accompanied by his wife and their two daughters. Locating in Coshocton county, Ohio, he bought forty acres of land, and there carried on general farming the remainder of his life. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Everhart, namely: Lavina, Adaline, Louisa, Sarah, Alexander, David E., Lucy A., Dan, John W., Ella and Ezra A.

Trudging three long, weary miles over the hills, David E. Everhart obtained his rudimentary knowledge in the district schools of Owen county. He subsequently attended the rural schools of Jackson township, afterwards completing his early studies in the graded schools of Sullivan. Beginning then a professional career, Mr. Everhart taught school for twenty-six years, all but three years of the time being so located that he was enabled to board at home. As a teacher he was successful and popular, gaining an excellent reputation as an educator and as a disciplinarian. Always interested in agriculture, he has of late years turned his attention almost entirely to agricultural pursuits. Residing in Cass township, he has in his home farm five hundred and thirty-five acres of rich and fertile land, the greater part of which is under fine cultivation, and is well equipped with substantial buildings, and all of the appliances for doing the necessary farm labor after the most approved modern methods.

On June 7, 1883, Mr. Everhart married Laura E. Patton, who was born in Jackson township April 16, 1860, a daughter of William Nelson Patton, Esq. Mr. Patton was born in Carlisle, Sullivan county, Indiana, but was reared in Jackson township. As a young man he was extensively engaged in farming, owning upwards of five hundred acres of land. Subsequently removing to Sullivan he, in company with his son, embarked in mercantile pursuits, and is now one of the leading merchants of that place. Mr. Patton married Harriet Rebecca Magill, who was born in Cass township, Sullivan county, in 1837, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Hall) Magill, and they reared five children, namely: Laura E., wife of Mr. Everhart; Clara, Cora E., Oscar M., in business with his father, and Bertha L. Mr. Patton is quite active in public affairs, and for twelve years served as justice of the peace. A history of the Magill family, to which Mrs. Everhart belongs, has been written by Robert Magill, of Maryville, Tennessee. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Everhart are members of the Presbyterian church. The pretty country seat of Mr. and Mrs. David Everhart in Cass township is known as "Forest Home."

MOSES H. GREGG, well known in farming circles of Haddon township, Sullivan county, is a native of this township, where he was born September 20, 1839, three miles south of Carlisle, Indiana, a son of Elijah and Nancy (Pell) Gregg. The father was born in North Carolina in 1800, and died in 1876. The mother was born in Virginia and married in that state. They drove overland to Wayne county, Indiana, where they located for a while, but later removed to Sullivan county, locating south of Carlisle, where they remained until their death. Elijah Gregg was a Republican and a public-spirited citizen, who always tilled the soil for his livelihood. He owned one hundred and eight acres at the time of his death. The children born to him were as follows: Eveline, deceased; William, residing in Montana; Henry, of Haddon township; Lott B., deceased; Galvin, of Montana; Oliver P., of Montana; Moses H., of this notice; Elijah, of Montana; Milton, residing in the west.

Moses H., the seventh child in the family of Elijah and Nancy (Pell) Gregg, farmed with his father until thirty-five years of age, and then began to farm independently, continuing until the present time. He has chosen to live the life of a bachelor and farms his forty-acre farm. Politically, he is a believer in the principles of the Republican party. He is thoroughgoing and methodical in all he undertakes, as can be observed by an inspection of his well cultivated fields.

FRANK B. RIDGWAY, farmer and stock raiser, whose excellent farm property is situated in Haddon township, Sullivan county, is a native of Widner township, Knox county, Indiana, where he was born February 12, 1862. He is the son of John H. and Rachel (Watson) Ridgway. The father was born in Kentucky and the mother in Sullivan county, Indiana, where they were united in marriage. They resided in Knox for a long term of years, then removed to a section south of Carlisle, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father was a successful farmer. Politically, he favored the Democratic party, and he held the office of county assessor for one year. The children born to John H. Ridgway and wife were as follows: Frank B., Hester, Benjamin (deceased), William and Minnie (twins); William is deceased and Minnie is the wife of Harry Shaver, of Kansas, Illinois; Bert (deceased), and two who died in infancy.

Frank B. Ridgway was reared on his father's farm and began working for himself at the age of twenty-one years at farm labor and has been engaged in such work ever since. His farming operations have always been carried on within Haddon township, where he now owns a well improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres, upon which he lives. This place is situated four miles to the south of Carlisle. Both grain and stock raising are methodically carried on here by Mr. Ridgway, and he raises and feeds from four to six carloads of stock per annum. His farm gives evidence in every part of being one con-

ducted by a man who thoroughly understands his business. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party.

February 22, 1883, Mr. Ridgway was married to Anna (Wortman) Pearce, who was born in Haddon township, a daughter of Philip G. Wortman, a farmer of this section. Mrs. Ridgway's father was born in Wayne county, Indiana, and his wife, Nancy Gregg, was born in Patrick county, Virginia, September 16, 1822. She came with her parents to Hendricks county, Indiana, when young. Philip Wortman came to Haddon township with his mother, his father being dead at that time. Philip always followed farming pursuits, in which he was very successful. He served as a private soldier at the time of the Civil war, in Company D, Twenty-first Indiana Regiment.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Ridgway, as follows: Mabel, born December, 1883, wife of Henry Hale, of Haddon township; Rush W., unmarried and at home; one who died in infancy; Rachel, deceased; and Ivin. Rush was graduated from Carlisle high school with the class of 1906, after which he returned to the farm, being thoroughly equipped for a better understanding of agriculture or any other vocation he may later select.

DAVID C. WORTMAN, one of Haddon township's worthy and enterprising citizens, follows farming, and is also connected with the saw-milling business, as well as threshing. He was born February 20, 1845, in Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, a son of John C. and Alvira (Gregg) Wortman. The father was a native of Ohio, born July 1, 1813, and died January 16, 1899, in Haddon township. The mother was a native of Virginia. This worthy couple were numbered among the pioneers of Sullivan county. Their children were as follows: John P., deceased; Mary C., deceased; Nancy, wife of James O'Haver, residing in Haddon township; David C., of this sketch; Julia A., wife of Alonzo Colton, of Haddon township; William C., deceased; James Martin, residing with his brother, David C.; Emeline, deceased; Elizabeth, of Oaktown, Knox county, Indiana.

Reared on the farm and receiving his primary education at the district schools, David C. Wortman continued to reside at home until he reached manhood. He then started out in life for himself as a farm hand, which occupation he pursued until 1881, when he saw a more independent way of gaining his livelihood, by tilling the soil on his own account. He purchased forty acres of land, in 1876, where his farm buildings now stand, but did not remove to the place until 1881. He now owns a splendid farm, consisting of an even one hundred acres of choice land. Late in the nineties he retired from the activities of his farm life, but still resides there. In 1888 Mr. Wortman was engaged in the livery business at Oaktown, but at the same time he conducted his farm. In 1892 he engaged in the saw-mill and grain-threshing

business, he superintending the operation of this combined business. The saw-mill was sold in 1905, at the same time that his threshing machine was sold. Mr. Wortman has always led the life of a bachelor, his brother James and family having lived with him for the last twenty-seven years. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party.

JOHN A. LISMAN, who is well known as the farmer of Haddon township who pays especial attention to raising horses, is a native of Scottsville, Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana. He was born January 28, 1864, a son of John Wesley and Margaret (Lovelace) Lisman. The mother was a native of Kentucky and came to Sullivan county when young. The father was born near Carlisle, Indiana, in September, 1814, and died in 1871, in Scottsville, near Carlisle. The grandfather, Andrew Lisman, was born in Germany and came to this country when but a child. He located near Carlisle and was a well-to-do farmer and reared a large family. John Wesley Lisman, the father of John A., of this notice, was a carpenter, but worked at farming in his later years. He performed much work at his trade in New Orleans and Natchez and other southern cities. He was noted for his integrity and strict honesty of purpose. Politically he affiliated with the Republican party and had the honor of voting for Abraham Lincoln in his first presidential campaign, in 1860. John W. Lisman's father and three of his brothers, were at the battle of Tippecanoe. The children of John Wesley and Margaret (Lovelace) Lisman were eight in number. The mother was of the Campbellite religious faith.

John A. Lisman was born and reared on a farm and had the advantages of a common school education. His parents died when he was quite young, and he was reared by Simeon Yocum, near Carlisle, with whom he remained from the time he was ten years of age until he was thirty-one. After reaching his majority Mr. Lisman farmed for Mr. Yocum and subsequently farmed on his brother's place—Dr. Lisman's. He engaged in the horse business, and was the owner of "Old Frank," "Hambletonian," which valuable animal died. He now owns "George," a grandson of "Sun Rise Prince."

Mr. Lisman's sister, Maggie, kept house for him on his brother's farm for about five years, after which he returned to the old Lisman homestead, where he has since lived. In 1905 he replaced the old house with a new and more comfortable cottage and he now owns seventy-seven acres and makes a specialty of raising horses. Politically Mr. Lisman affiliates with the Republican party. He was united in marriage November 6, 1899, to Lillie E. Edwards, born in Illinois, and reared in Lawrence county, Indiana. The date of her birth was March 13, 1875, and her parents were William H. and Rachel (Johnson) Edwards, both of whom are now deceased, dying when she was a small girl. Mrs. Lisman is a member of the Christian church in Georgetown, Indiana.

TILMAN B. WOLFE, of Haddon township, who was born and reared to agricultural pursuits, is a native of this township, born February 10, 1881, a son of George F. and Margaret (Pifer) Wolfe. Both of Mr. Wolfe's parents were natives of the same township in which the son was born. The father was born May 17, 1856, and is engaged in the hardware business at Oaktown, Knox county, Indiana, and the mother was born in 1859, in the same township as her husband. The grandfather, Uriah Wolfe, was among the early pioneer band who first effected a settlement in Sullivan county. George F., the father, always followed farming for a living, until February, 1899, when he engaged in the hardware trade at Oaktown, the firm being known as Snapp, Latshaw & Co. In his political views Mr. Wolfe is a Democrat. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and Maccabees order. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Christian church. The three children born to them are: Charles M., residing in Haddon township; Tilman B., of this biographical review; Della B., wife of Melvin Sproatt, residing in Knox county, Indiana. George F. Wolfe was married a second time to Ollie Heddon, a native of Illinois, who died a few years after their marriage. Four children were born of this union, and all are deceased except Paul, who is now with his father at Oaktown. For his third wife Mr. Wolfe married Amanda Owens, a native of Turman township, Sullivan county, who is now his companion at Oaktown.

Tilman B. Wolfe, son of George F. Wolfe by his first marriage, was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools of Haddon township. He continued to reside at home until about twenty-one years of age, when he began farming for himself and has continued to the present time. He inherited one hundred acres of land where he lives now, about five years ago, in 1903. Here he carries on an extensive farm and stockraising business. Like every true American, Mr. Wolfe has his decided opinions concerning political parties and their platforms. He supports the Democratic party.

He was married February 17, 1901, to Maude Kite, born in Honey Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, August 27, 1880, a daughter of Edwin and Rettie (Pickens) Kite; the latter is deceased. They moved to Sullivan county about 1895, locating in Haddon township. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe are: Hershel, Robertine and Russell.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HALE.—One of the industrious agriculturists of Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, is George W. Hale, who was born July 29, 1843, in Jefferson township, a son of Stephen C. and Ann (Howard) Hale. The father was born in Virginia in 1810, dying in Jefferson township, this county, in 1885, and the mother was born in Kentucky and died in Jefferson township May 2, 1862. Both paternal and maternal grandparents were numbered among the first settlers of Jefferson township. The father and mother of George W. were united in marriage in Jefferson township. The father always followed farm

pursuits and owned one hundred and ninety acres of land at the time of his death. He was politically a Democrat. Both he and his good wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Fourteen children were born of this union, nine of whom are still living, as follows: Mary Ann, widow of Robert Crawford, a resident of Sullivan; George W., of this biography; Rebecca, widow of Michael Goodwin, of Greene county; Martin, of Pleasantville, a merchant; William, residing in Nebraska; Mildred, widow of Simeon Yocum, residing in Carlisle; Amanda, wife of Louis Wilson, of Carlisle; Eliza, wife of Frank Wells, of Jefferson township; S. M., of the same township.

George W. Hale, of this notice, was reared to farm labor and attended the district schools in common with other boys of his day. At the age of nineteen years, in the month of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, of the Ninety-seventh Indiana Infantry, as a private soldier, serving until June, 1865, when he was honorably discharged at Indianapolis. He was engaged at the retaking of Jackson, Mississippi, and other battles in the never-to-be-forgotten Civil war. He was in General Sherman's command and followed him through the Georgia campaign, and back to Washington, District of Columbia, thence home. Mr. Hale saw much hardship and exposure, but was fortunate in never receiving a wound. For his term in the Union army, in common with his comrades-at-arms, he is receiving a small pension from the government. He is honored with a membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. After the war had ended he returned to pursue the peaceful vocation of a farmer in Jefferson township, where he continued one year, removing then to Cass township, Sullivan county, where he remained until 1890, at which time he sold his farm, consisting of one hundred and ninety-six acres, and purchased a quarter section of land, upon which he now resides, in Haddon township. Here he carries on farming and stockraising. In his political views Mr. Hale is a supporter of the principles of the Democratic party.

He has been married three times, first on March 27, 1867, to Jane Parks, born in Cass township, Sullivan county, in 1846, and died in 1869. One daughter was born of this union, Flora, now the wife of W. W. Young, residing in Michigan. For his second marriage, he chose, about 1870, Sarah Clayton, born in Cass township, Sullivan county, who also died there. Four children were born of this union: John T., of Gill township; Charles, of Haddon township; Anna, wife of Frank Shepherd, residing in Jefferson township; Hattie, wife of George Unger. After the death of his second wife Mr. Hale married, in February, 1883, Cassie Ann (Evans) Parks, who was born in Grant county, Indiana. One son is the issue by the last union, Henry, born March 6, 1886, married Mabel Ridgway, and lives with his parents. He was educated at the district schools, after which he was a fireman one year on the Vandalia Railroad and then went to California for a six months' stay. He and his father operate the home place together. Henry Hale is a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 3, which is the third oldest Masonic lodge in Indiana.

OWEN JACKSON RIDGWAY, whose fine farm home is situated near the thriving town of Carlisle, in Sullivan county, Indiana, was born February 20, 1868, in Haddon township, on Shaker Prairie, a son of Benjamin Wiginton and Mary H. (Hoghlend) Ridgway. The father was born in Kentucky and the mother in the vicinity of Indianapolis. The grandfather, Jacob Hoghlend, and wife, were both born in Ohio. The grandfather of Mr. Ridgway, Wiginton Ridgway, was born in Kentucky, and became one of the early settlers of Shaker Prairie. Benjamin Wiginton, the father, was always a farmer. In politics he voted the Democratic ticket. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church. Their two children were: Owen Jackson, of this notice, and James T., residing in Haddon township, on Shaker Prairie. Mr. Ridgway's mother married twice, her second husband being Samuel Lillie, a native of Gill township, and they are both now deceased. To this union three children were born: John W., living in Texas, where he is engaged in farming, and is by trade a blacksmith; Charles, residing in Gill township; Jacob W., now attending college at Purdue.

His father dying when he was but four years of age, Owen J. Ridgway lived with his mother and stepfather until about twenty years old, when he began farming in Haddon township. He rotated back and forth between Gill and Haddon townships until September, 1891, when he moved onto the place he now occupies, a mile and a quarter north of Carlisle. Here he carries on general farming and stockraising. Mr. Ridgway is the owner of "Duke of Scotland, No. 1140," a registered Clydesdale stallion, and a fine Spanish jack, called "Teddy." He feeds from one to two earloads of hogs annually, mostly of the Poland China breed, and also owns some Black Poll-Angus cattle. In his political affiliations he votes with the Democratic party. He carries a membership in the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to the Carlisle Camp, No. 3332, of this order.

Mr. Ridgway was married September 4, 1887, to Alfretta King, born in Illinois, and reared in Haddon township. She is a member of the Christian church and an exemplary Christian. Six children have come to bless this home circle: Mary Elizabeth, wife of Charles Seever, has two little daughters, Geneva Lucille and Lois; Fred W., in the seventh grade of Carlisle public school; Lillie May, also in the seventh grade; Mildred Marie, in the fourth grade; and Alpha, the youngest, in the second grade.

WILLIAM WARREN BAILEY, the owner of more than a half section of fertile farming land within Haddon township, all in one body, is an extensive stock raiser and farmer. He is a native of Sullivan county, Indiana, born near Carlisle, February 2, 1850, a son of Salathiel Jackson and Mary (Gobin) Bailey. The father was born in Georgetown, Kentucky, about 1818, and died in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1863. The mother was born near Carlisle. The maternal grandfather, William Gobin, was a native of Kentucky, and among the early

settlers of Haddon township, this county. He always followed farming and also operated a tan-yard at Carlisle. He was a very successful business man and highly respected in his community, and had a family, including two sons. Politically he was a Democrat of the old type. Salathiel Bailey, the father of William W., of this notice, came to Haddon township when fifteen years of age, and later married and began farming. He owned a farm of eighty acres at the date of his death. He, too, was a supporter of the Democratic party, and in church connection, both he and his wife were members of the Christian church. Their children were as follows: Frances, deceased; Finley, deceased; Ardillia, deceased; Margaret, wife of John Nesbit, of Haddon township, Sullivan county; William Warren, of this biography; Hammett, deceased.

William W. Bailey was reared on a farm and began to work for himself independently at the age of seventeen years. He began by working for others by the month, but when twenty years of age he farmed for himself in Haddon township upon a ten-acre tract, to which he had fallen heir. He has continued in agricultural pursuits to the present time. In 1894 he purchased his present farm, consisting of three hundred and forty acres of choice land, upon which he carries on both grain and stock farming. He raises about two carloads of hogs annually, besides some cattle. He has been a stock drover for over thirty years, and has shipped from all along the line, including Oaktown, in Knox county, and Carlisle, Sullivan, Dugger, Riverton, etc., buying and shipping, both hogs and cattle. He is a large stockholder in the Peoples State Bank of Sullivan and is a thoroughly up-to-date agriculturist and competent business man.

Mr. Bailey has been married thrice, first in 1871, to Elizabeth Snyder, born in Sullivan county, Cass township, and who died in 1877. The issue by this union was: Frenchie Eugene, deceased; one who died in infancy; and Grace, wife of Harry Mason, residing in Gill township. For his second wife Mr. Bailey married Jennie Creager, also a native of Sullivan county, who died a few years subsequent to her marriage to Mr. Bailey, leaving two children: Oma, who was born June, 1889, a graduate of Carlisle high school with the class of 1908; Dessie E., born July 3, 1891, now in the high school. For his third wife Mr. Bailey married Emma Walker, a native of Haddon township, Sullivan county. The issue by this marriage is one daughter, Helen Pauline. Mr. Bailey's daughters are members of the Christian church and his present wife belongs to the Baptist church.

ERNEST M. DEPUTY, M. D.—A man of high mental attainments, cultured and talented, Ernest M. Deputy, M. D., of Dugger, Cass township, is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession as a physician and surgeon of skill, being widely known and having a fine patronage. A native of Indiana, he was born August 5, 1877, in Paris, Jennings county. His father, Sylvester Deputy, was born January 3, 1834,

in Woods county, Virginia, which was likewise the birthplace of his father, Andrew Deputy. A well-established tradition says that the first known ancestor of the Deputy family was a babe left at the door of a deputy sheriff in France. The deputy sheriff and his wife being childless, gladly welcomed the foundling, took it in, and as it was found on the door sill christened it Sylvester, and gave it the surname of Deputy.

The Doctor's great-grandfather and two of his brothers came from Virginia to Indiana via the Ohio river, landing at the present site of Madison. One of the brothers subsequently settled in Illinois, but the Doctor's progenitor bought a tract of government land in Jefferson county, and was there engaged in tilling the soil the remainder of his life.

Andrew Deputy, the Doctor's grandfather, came with his parents to Sullivan county, and subsequently entered government land on the bank of the Muscatucket river, where he cleared and improved a farm. He afterwards sold that property and removed to Jennings county, settling in Montgomery township, where he resided until his death.

But a child when he was brought by his parents to Jefferson county, Sylvester Deputy was here reared to agricultural pursuits. He was very energetic, enterprising and ambitious, and soon after attaining his majority bought a tract of timbered land in Montgomery township, Jennings county, where he built up an extensive business. In addition to clearing the land and carrying on farming, he operated a shingle mill and manufactured molasses from sorghum which he raised, making a large quantity each fall. Improving a valuable farm, he erected a substantial set of buildings and was there prosperously engaged in his chosen labors until his death in 1895. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Hudson, was born in Jennings county, Indiana, in August, 1836, and is now living near the old homestead. Her father, Boyd Hudson, was born, it is thought, in New York state, and was a pioneer of Jennings county. He was a tanner by trade, and established a tannery in Jennings county, it being one of the first in the state, and in it carried on an extensive business. He bought large tracts of timber land, taking especial pains to get that containing mostly oak trees, as he needed oak bark for use in his tannery. He employed a large force of men in his work, and the locality in which he lived was known as Boydtown. He cleared large tracts of land, and in addition to operating his tannery was prosperously engaged in general farming until his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Frances Shepherd, survived him and married for her second husband William Johnson.

Sylvester and Sarah (Hudson) Deputy reared five children, as follows: Velmore, Aiban S., Emerson J., Frank (deceased), Ernest M. Educated in the public schools of Montgomery township, and at Lancaster, Velmore Deputy began his career as a teacher at the age of eighteen years, being first employed in the public schools of Kansas. Returning to Indiana he was principal of the high school at Vernon until his death, at the age of twenty-two years. Alban S. Deputy took a normal course at the Blinn Academy, and in addition to teaching and farming, was superintendent of a canning factory. He died August 20,

1909, and was interred in the Jennings county family cemetery. Emerson J. Deputy is a contractor for the building of public highways.

After his graduation from the high school Ernest M. Deputy studied for a year at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, after which he taught school for four years, in the meantime reading medicine. Entering then the medical department of Kentucky University he took a course of four years, and was graduated from that institution in July, 1903, receiving the degree of M. D. Locating in Dugger, Sullivan county, in the following month, Dr. Deputy has since built up an extensive and lucrative practice, obtaining an assured position among the leading physicians of this part of the county. Deeply interested in his professional work, he makes a close study of all newer methods employed in detecting and treating diseases, keeping abreast of the times in regard to medicine and surgery. He is a member of the Sullivan County Medical Society and is president for 1909, and is also a member of the Indiana State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is a member of the Elks Lodge, No. 866, at Linton, Indiana, and examining physician for the Modern Woodmen of America.

On December 11, 1904, Dr. Deputy married Fletie Staples. She was born in Jennings county, Indiana, in Marion township, a daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Belle (Rogers) Staples. The Doctor and Mrs. Deputy have two children, Sherrill S. and Mary C.

SAMUEL O. CARTY.—Among the many intelligent and enterprising men who are devoting their time and attention to the tilling of the soil is Samuel O. Carty, of Cass township, who is meeting with as much success in using agricultural implements as he formerly did with his mining tools. A native of Virginia, he was born January 14, 1857, in Russell county, which was likewise the birthplace of his father, James L. Carty. His paternal grandparents were, as far as known, life-long residents of the Old Dominion state.

Reared on a farm, James L. Carty continued a resident of Virginia until 1848. In search then of a more favorable location for securing a living for himself and family, he moved to Kentucky, purchased a farm in Carter county, and was there a resident for ten years. In 1868, pushing still nearer to the frontier line, he came to Sullivan county, Indiana, settling in Hamilton township, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1906. He married Rachel Dickerson, who was born in the same county of Virginia that he was, a daughter of Organ and Nancy Dickerson. She died in 1872, leaving five children, namely: Robert, Samuel O., Thomas, Mary and Lucy.

But eleven years old when he came with his parents to Indiana, Samuel O. Carty completed his early education in the schools of Hamilton township, Sullivan county, and obtained a license to teach school. Deciding, however, not to adopt teaching as a profession, he began life for himself as a miner, and for a number of years followed that vocation.

In the meantime, having accumulated some money, Mr. Carty wisely invested in land, purchasing the farm where he now resides, and on which he has been successfully employed in general farming since 1894. Showing excellent judgment and much skill in his operations, he is meeting with good success as a tiller of the soil, reaping satisfactory harvests each season.

In 1876 Mr. Carty married Mrs. Lucy (Blevins) Timmons, who was born in Kentucky, a daughter of James Blevins. She married first Harvey Timmons, who died in early life, leaving her with one child, William Timmons. Mr. and Mrs. Carty have reared four children, namely: Bertha, George, James and Harry. Bertha, wife of Marion F. Walters, has children: Marie, Marion, Mabel, Margaret and Evelyn Verle Walters. George married Nellie Smith, and they have three children, Cecil, Earl and Bertha L. James married Emma Goodman, and they are the parents of three children, Ruby, William and Rupert. Harry married Chloe Shipman, and they have two children, Geneva and Pauline. Politically Mr. Carty is identified with the Republican party, and religiously both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

JOSEPH A. CRAWFORD.—Among the enterprising and successful agriculturists of Cass township, Sullivan county, may be named Joseph A. Crawford, whose skill and energy in the direction and prosecution of his chosen industry have given to his work a value and significance of which few have deemed it capable. A son of the late Hugh Crawford, he was born in this township, and has here spent his entire life, his birth having occurred March 24, 1862.

Born in 1868, in Ohio, Hugh Crawford was there reared and married. With his young wife he came to Indiana in search of a home, and for a while lived in Grant county. Coming from there to Sullivan county, he resided first in Cass township and then moved to Hamilton township, where he bought two hundred acres of land. A commodious hewed log house and a few acres cleared constituted the improvements on the place at the time of his purchase. By dint of energy and persistent toil he cleared the greater part of the land, placing it under cultivation, and was there actively engaged in farming until his death, August 11, 1873. His wife, whose maiden name was Marion McCormick, was born in Ohio, a daughter of William McCormick, and died in Sullivan county, Indiana, August 19, 1892. She reared eight children, namely: John W., Robert, David O., Lewis L., George W., Thomas W., Susanna and Joseph A.

Beginning when young to assist on the farm Joseph A. Crawford received his education in the usual manner, gleaning his early knowledge of books in the district schools. Leaving his mother's home after his marriage, he began life for himself on rented land, and continued thus to make his living until 1892, when he bought the farm which he now owns and occupies. This is pleasantly located in Cass township, about four miles from the village of Sullivan, and contains one hundred and

thirty acres of rich and productive land. Here Mr. Crawford is profitably engaged in general farming and stockraising, in both branches of his work meeting with satisfactory results.

On April 17, 1884, Mr. Crawford married Lydia E. Brodie. She was born March 20, 1862, in Cass township, Sullivan county, Indiana, a daughter of William A. and Mary J. (Maxwell) Brodie. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford six children have been born, namely: Maude, Mary Ann, Clio, Hugh (deceased), Lester and Russell Homer. Politically Mr. Crawford is a staunch Republican.

CAPTAIN JOSIAH STANDLEY.—In the annals of Sullivan county we find no name more worthy of recording in a work of this character than that of Captain Josiah Standley, who has the distinction not only of being a pioneer settler and a hero of two wars, but of being descended from a Revolutionary soldier, of being the son of a soldier of the war of 1812, and of representing two honored pioneer families of Indiana. He is a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred November 18, 1827, in Washington county, near Pekin, making him one of the oldest native-born citizens of this state. His father, Joseph Standley, was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, a son of Thomas Standley. Thomas Standley was born, it is thought, in England, and on coming to this country lived for a number of years in North Carolina, from there coming to Washington county, Indiana, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Reared and married in his native state, Joseph Standley kept pace with the moving tide of emigration, and in his early life journeyed by teams to Ohio, where he lived a few years. Then, still pushing his way westward, he came across the country to Indiana, locating at first in Martin county. He subsequently lived for a time in Washington county, from there going to Putnam county, and afterward settling near Bowling Green, Clay county, being one of the earlier pioneers of that locality. Subsequently taking up his residence in Sullivan county, he pre-empted a tract of government land in section nine, Cass township, and lived on it without securing a title to it until his death. He was a man of patriotic spirit, and served for a year in the war of 1812. He married Mary Barham, who was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, a daughter of Hartwell Barham. Mr. Barham was born and bred in England, from there coming to America in colonial days, and taking an active part in the great struggle for independence, serving in the Revolutionary army for seven years. He spent the winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge with Washington, and he handed down to his descendants the pass word there used, it being "Suffer Liberty or Death." Returning to Guilford county, North Carolina, after the war, he subsequently spent the remainder of his life in that place. Mrs. Joseph Standley survived her husband a number of years. Of the children born to her twelve grew to years of maturity.

About eight years old when his parents moved to Clay county, Josiah Standley spent all of his early life on the frontier, his parents moving from time to time to a newer country, taking advantage of every opening made. Inheriting in a marked degree the patriotism that characterized his ancestors, he enlisted at the breaking out of the Mexican war in Company H, Fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, went with his command to Mexico, and there fought until peace was declared. He then marched with his comrades from the interior to Vera Cruz, and from there sailing by way of the gulf and rivers to Madison, Indiana, where he was honorably discharged from service. Returning home, Mr. Standley received a land warrant for his services, and with that secured the land that his father had previously pre-empted. There he was afterwards engaged in farming until the tress of war again rung through the land. Then, in 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Forty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, was appointed second lieutenant of his company, and went with his command to Missouri, where he took part in the battle of New Madrid. Early in 1862 he was taken ill, and on March 29 of that year resigned and returned home to recuperate. Recovering his health, he enlisted during the same year in Company I, Ninety-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was made second lieutenant of that company. He was afterwards promoted to first lieutenant, and later received his commission as captain of his company. While in service Captain Standley participated in more than forty different engagements, including those at Jackson, Mississippi, where he was wounded; at Vicksburg, Kenesaw Mountain, Dalton, Resaca and the siege and capture of Atlanta, where for a time he commanded a regiment. The Captain was with his command on the memorable march to the sea, thence through South Carolina to North Carolina. There, at Lynch Creek, while in command of a mounted squad in detached duty, he was captured and taken to Andersonville. His experience there, however, was brief, as he was transferred to Libby prison, and there confined until the close of the war, when he joined his regiment at Alexandria, Virginia, where he was honorably discharged. Returning home, Captain Standley was for several years actively engaged in farming, and at one time had title to over four hundred acres of land. Much of this he has since deeded to his children, although he has now one hundred and twenty-five acres in his possession.

Captain Standley has been three times married. He married first, at the age of twenty-two years, Margaret Hinkle, who was born in Illinois, a daughter of Samuel Hinkle. Her grandfather, Nathan Hinkle, came from Germany, his native land, to America in colonial times, and fought with the colonists in their struggle for liberty, serving as a soldier in the Continental army for seven years. Subsequently coming to Indiana, he was a pioneer settler of Sullivan county, and at his death his body was laid to rest in Hymera, where his friends have erected a monument to his memory. Mrs. Margaret Standley died about two years after her marriage, and a year later Captain Standley married her sister, Mahala Hinkle, also deceased. In 1905 Captain Standley married Mrs. Nancy J. Ooley. By his first marriage he had one son, Hartwell Barham Stand-

ley, M. D., a successful physician and surgeon of California. By his second marriage he had the following children: Elihu E., James H., William H., Josiah S., Emma, Nettie, Asenath R., and Fannie. Fraternally the Captain was made a Mason at Sullivan, Indiana, when young, and he was formerly a member of Fletcher Freeman Post, G. A. R., located at Cass, Indiana.

GEORGE A. EXLINE.—Especially worthy of more than mere mention in this biographical volume is George A. Exline, a venerable and respected resident of Cass township, a veteran agriculturist, and one who fought for his country during the Civil war. For more than half a century he has lived upon his home farm, and in the meantime has greatly enhanced the value of his property by his many excellent improvements, rendering it one of the most attractive and desirable estates in this part of the county. A son of Adam Exline, he was born June 25, 1829, in Coshocton county, Ohio, near Dresden. His grandfather, Bernard Exline, migrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio, becoming a pioneer of Muskingum county, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, Adam Exline became one of the very early settlers of Coshocton county, Ohio, locating there in 1818. Purchasing a tract of wild land in Washington township, he erected a log house, which was the dwelling place for his family until 1844, his older children being born in the cabin. With his wife and six children he came in that year to Indiana, making the removal with teams, and bringing all of his worldly goods. Settling in Wright township, Greene county, he bought a tract of timbered land, and at once built a log house, splitting the boards to cover the roof, and making a split puncheon floor. There were then no railways in the state, and Terre Haute, thirty-five miles away, was the nearest market and milling point. While he was busy clearing the land his wife, with true domestic thrift, was equally as busy carding, spinning and weaving the material with which she clothed her family. On the homestead which they improved both he and his wife spent their remaining years, his death occurring at the age of seventy-two years, and hers at the age of eighty-two years. Her maiden name was Jane Saucerman. She was born in Belmont county, Ohio, a daughter of George and Catherine Saucerman, the former of whom spent his last years in that county, while his widow, Mrs. Saucerman, came to Indiana after his death and died in Greene county.

One of a family of nine children, George A. Exline was fifteen years old when he came with his parents to Greene county, Indiana. Beginning the battle of life for himself in 1851, he came to Sullivan county, and here found employment on a farm, working for two years for eight dollars a month, afterwards farming on shares until his marriage. Money came slowly, but surely, and as he was prudent in his savings and wise in his expenditures, he accumulated a sufficient sum within a few years to buy a strip of canal land, paying two dollars and fifty cents an acre, and later buying another tract at five dollars per acre.

Both tracts are now included in his home farm in Cass township. At the time of his marriage Mr. Exline built a three-room house, and then began the improvement of a farm. In August, 1862, responding to his country's call, he enlisted in Company H, Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was with his regiment until the close of the war, being at the front until February, 1865, when he was disabled, and did not join his regiment until after the war was closed. He took an active part in many important engagements, including the battle of Thompsons Station, Dalton, Resaca, the siege and capture of Atlanta, where he witnessed the surrender of that city by the mayor, and the battle of Nashville, one of the most strenuous of the entire conflict. Being honorably discharged with his regiment in June, 1865, Mr. Exline returned home. During his absence his house had been burned. He immediately built another, and in 1883 erected the spacious brick dwelling now occupied by the family. He has been very successful in his agricultural labors, accumulating a competency, and now, although he has assisted his children to establish homes of their own, he has nearly two hundred acres of finely improved land in his valuable and attractive farm.

On February 25, 1858, Mr. Exline married Nancy J. Crager. She was born in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, Indiana, where her parents, Thomas J. and Barbara Crager, were pioneer settlers. Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Exline, namely: Marshall, Samuel Winfield, Thomas C., Isabelle, John L., and Stella T. Marshall married Katie Bryant, and they have two children, Orval and Harold. Samuel W. married Dora McClellan, and they have six children, Russell, Lillie, Eunice, Edith, Mabel Clare and Lloyd L. Thomas C. married May Buck, and they have five children, Fay E., Fern, Cora, Hazel and Mary. Isabelle, wife of George French, has one child, George A. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Exline are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically Mr. Exline has always supported the principles of the Democratic party. Socially he was a member of Fletcher Freeman Post, G. A. R., which was located in Cass, Indiana.

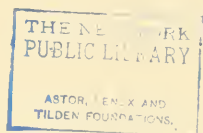
WILLIAM ZAAYER.—Numbered among the industrious and prosperous agriculturists of Sullivan county is William Zaayer, who is actively engaged in his pleasant and independent calling in Cass township, having the management of the parental homestead, which is one of the best and most desirable pieces of property in the neighborhood. A native of Sullivan county, he was born in Haddon township, where his father, Rufus Zaayer, was a pioneer settler. He is the descendant of a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and comes of German ancestry, his great-grandfather, Thomas Zaayer, having emigrated from Germany, his native land, to America in colonial days, afterwards serving under General Washington in the great struggle for American independence. He subsequently lived for a while in Pennsylvania, but from there moved to Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his eighty-one years of earthly life, residing in

either Fairfield or Pickaway counties. He reared two sons and one daughter. The daughter married a Mr. Dumm; his son Jacob never left Pennsylvania; his son Joseph was the grandfather of William.

A native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, Joseph Zaayer migrated to Ohio when young, settling in Pickaway county. He had previously learned the tailor's trade, but after his marriage he located on a tract of timbered land given him by his father in Adams township, that county, and thereafter devoted his energies to clearing and improving a homestead. In common with the other pioneers of the place, he raised flax, kept sheep, and labored with earnest toil to clear the land and cultivate the soil, while his good wife, skilled in the domestic arts, carded, spun and wove the homespun in which she clothed the family. He erected a comfortable set of log buildings, and was there a resident until his death, at the age of sixty-eight years. He married Maria Dunkle, a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, whose father was born on the ocean while his parents were on their way from Germany to this country. She survived her husband, dying on the home farm in Adams township, Ohio, at the age of eighty-one years. She reared thirteen children, as follows: Levi, Colton, William, Leah, John, Seth, Samuel, Rufus, Benjamin, Joseph, Enos, Mary and Daniel.

Rufus Zaayer was born April 15, 1830, in Adams township, Pickaway county, Ohio, and was there bred and educated, attending the primitive schools of his day, and assisting in the pioneer labor of clearing a homestead. At the age of seventeen years he went to live with Solomon Teagarden in Adams township, and for five years assisted him in the care of the farm, receiving for his labor a share of the crops. Ambitious then to become a land owner he came in the fall of 1854 to Indiana, making the removal with teams, and entered a tract of canal land in Gill township, Sullivan county, and also bought a five-acre tract, upon which was a log house and an orchard. The land was partly timber and partly prairie, and he at once began its improvement, residing there four years. Exchanging it then for a farm in the same township, he remained there two years, and then traded that property for a farm in Hamilton township. Ten years later he sold out there and bought the farm which he now owns and occupies. It contains one hundred and twenty acres of rich land, and is advantageously located about three and one-half miles east of the village of Sullivan. The land is well cultivated and improved, and has a substantial set of buildings, well adapted for the use of an up-to-date farmer.

On August 23, 1854, Rufus Zaayer married Mary Alspach, who was born January 5, 1837, in Bloom township, Fairfield county, Ohio, which was likewise the birthplace of her father, Daniel Alspach. Her grandfather, John Alspach, was born in Pennsylvania, of German parentage, and was a pioneer of Fairfield county, Ohio, where he spent his declining years. A life-long resident of Ohio, Daniel Alspach there married Leah Hummel, who was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestors, and they became the parents of nine children, namely: Mary, Caroline, John, Julia, Ann, Eliza, Sophia, Nancy, Carol and Margaret.





"IDLEWILD," COUNTRY RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN R. BROWN

Of the union of Rufus and Mary (Alspach) Zaayer, seven children have been born, five of whom have passed to the higher life, Benjamin having died at the age of seventeen years; Leah Maria at the age of thirty years; John at the age of fourteen years; Daniel at the age of thirty-four years; and Emma when but fourteen years old. Allen Zaayer, the youngest child, married Hallie Richie, and they have two children, Claude Mathers and Herbert. William Zaayer, the second son and third child in succession of birth, has been a life-long resident of Sullivan county and remains at home, the solace, comfort and mainstay of his parents. Having charge of the home farm, he is carrying on general farming and stock-raising after the most approved modern methods, and in his work is meeting with genuine success.

STEPHEN R. BROWN, one of the representative farmers of Jackson township, is numbered among its native sons, born May 9, 1862, a son of Stephen and Ann (Johnson) Brown and a grandson of Samuel and Nancy Brown. The grandparents were born in Ireland, where they were farming people, and coming to America they located first in Pennsylvania, from whence they later moved to Davis county, Indiana, and later to Sullivan county, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Stephen Brown, a son of Samuel and Nancy Brown, was born in Pennsylvania, about 1819, and was but a child when he came with his parents to Davis county, and some time in the thirties he came with them to Sullivan county. He was married in Jackson township in 1856 to Ann Johnson, who was born near Jamestown, Ohio, March 11, 1832, a daughter of George and Epharatia Johnson, both now deceased, and they too were farming people. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and the first two, George W. and Samuel B., were twins, the former now living in Mandan, North Dakota, and the latter in Youngstown, Ohio; William E. resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Stephen is mentioned later; Charles died in infancy; Nancy A. died at the age of sixteen years; and Mary E. Wilcox resides in Brice lyn, Minnesota. Stephen Brown, the father, was a lifelong agriculturist, and at one time owned an estate of three hundred and thirty-five acres, being both a grain and stock farmer. In politics he voted with both the Whigs and Republicans, and both he and his wife were earnest members of the Presbyterian church.

Stephen R. Brown assisted his father with the farm work until the summer before his marriage, when he began farming for himself. He wedded, November 29, 1885, Anna A. Wambaugh, who was born on the 20th of December, 1864, a daughter of Ebenezer and Rosena Wambaugh, the former of whom was born in 1830 and died April 20, 1896, while the latter was born in 1828 and died April 10, 1896. Both were natives of Germany, the father coming from Prussia and the mother from Baden before their marriage, and from Ohio they moved to Greensburg, Indiana, and later, about 1873, came to Jackson township, Sullivan

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county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Brown was blessed by the birth of five children. The eldest, Herbert A., born July 5, 1887, received a common school education with one term in Brown's Business College, and he is now in the regular army and stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He enlisted on the 18th of March, 1908. William E., born February 13, 1888, completed the common school course and a one year's high school training, and is now working at the mine. Ernest R., born October 7, 1889, passed from the common schools to the high school, where he studied for two years, and was for one year a student at the normal college at Danville, Indiana. He is now teaching his first school. Leslie R., born August 1, 1892, has completed the common school course and is now assisting his father on the farm. Mildred A., born May 6, 1897, is attending the common school.

Just after his marriage Mr. Brown bought the forty acres of land on which his home is now located, and his farm contains one hundred and twenty-seven acres of land, while in addition to this he also farms the three hundred and thirty-five acres belonging to his mother. He raises both grain and stock, and has been very successful in his chosen field of endeavor. He is a stockholder in the Citizens' State Bank of Farmersburg, and is a Republican in his political affiliations. Both he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

DAVID M. BEDWELL.—Distinguished not only for the honored pioneer ancestry from which he is sprung, but for his services as a volunteer soldier during the late Civil war, and as an excellent representative of the successful agriculturists of Cass township, David M. Bedwell is eminently deserving of special mention in this work. A native of Sullivan county, Indiana, he was born February 24, 1845, a son of Robert Bedwell, and a grandson of Thomas Bedwell, both Indiana pioneers. Born, bred and married in Kentucky, Thomas Bedwell came from there to Indiana in early days, settling in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, where both he and his wife, whose maiden name was Polly Holston, spent their remaining years.

One of a family of seven children, Robert Bedwell was born in Kentucky, and was a small child when he came with his parents across the country to Sullivan county, oftentimes finding the way by means of blazed trees. Growing to manhood, he entered government land in Jefferson township, and having cleared an opening in the dense timber built the log cabin in which his son David was born, riving by hand the boards that covered the roof. There were then neither railways nor canals, and Vincennes was the nearest market and milling point. For a number of years thereafter deer, wolves, panthers and other wild beasts roamed at will in this vicinity and the energetic women of the household were accustomed to card, spin and weave and make all the clothing worn by the members thereof. After clearing a portion of the land he sold out and removed to Cass township, purchasing the land now

owned and occupied by his son David M. A few acres of the land had been cleared and a log cabin, with a frame addition, containing one room, had been erected. Continuing his agricultural labors, he resided here until his death, September 3, 1878, in his seventy-third year. He married Rebecca Pitts, who was born in Virginia, and came to Indiana with her parents, Macey and Barbara Pitts, pioneer settlers of Sullivan county. She survived her husband, passing away September 25, 1892, in the eighty-fourth year of her age. Of the fourteen children born of their union, thirteen grew to years of maturity, namely: Elizabeth, Sarah, James, Polly Ann, George, Thomas, Rebecca, Robert, David M., Stephen, Alexander, John W. and Eliza.

Obtaining a practical education in the old log schoolhouse, with its home-made furniture, David M. Bedwell began as a boy to assist his father on the farm, continuing thus employed until ready to establish a home of his own. Beginning then to farm for himself, he rented land and was busily employed in its cultivation until the early part of 1864. In February of that year he enlisted in Company C, Fifty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and went south with his regiment, being with his comrades in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. Being taken ill at Huntsville, Alabama, he was taken first to the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, and after his discharge from that institution was granted a furlough of thirty days. Going then to Indianapolis to join his regiment, he was sent to New York city, thence by boat to Morehead City, North Carolina, and from there to Raleigh, North Carolina, where he joined his command. Marching then with the "boys" to Washington, he took part in the Grand Review, and was subsequently honorably discharged with his regiment. Returning home Mr. Bedwell resumed his agricultural labors, and on the death of his father succeeded to the ownership of the parental homestead, a part of which he had previously purchased. Here he has since carried on general farming with ability and success, and his added improvements have been of the best.

Mr. Bedwell married in October, 1863, Emma Shepherd, who was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, a daughter of Eli and Lucy Shepherd, pioneers of Hamilton township. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bedwell, namely: Carl, Burt, Ollie and Freddie. Carl married Alice Birch, and they have three children, Willie, Gladys and Jesse. Burt married Sarah Borders, and they are the parents of four children, Evert, Nora, Hazel and Theresa. Ollie, wife of Joseph Vaughn, has three children, Clarence, Alta and Harold. Politically Mr. Bedwell is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and religiously both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

MARTIN M. POPE.—Recognized as one of the most intelligent men and thoroughgoing farmers of Sullivan county, Martin M. Pope, of Cass township, is successfully engaged in tilling the soil on as comfortable and well-kept a homestead as can be found in this part of the

state. During his long and busy life he has pursued the even tenor of his way as an honest man and a good citizen, being engaged in either mercantile or agricultural pursuits, and is now reaping the reward of his many years of persistent toil. A native of Indiana, he was born October 9, 1838, in Morrill township, Shelby county, a son of Henry L. Pope. His grandfather, Samuel Pope, a native of Virginia, followed the march of civilization westward, settling first as a pioneer in Ohio, and a few years later coming from there to Indiana and locating near Indianapolis, where he passed his remaining years.

Born in Ohio, Henry L. Pope came with his parents to Indiana. He lived for a number of years with, or near, his parents, but after his second marriage he located in Shelby county, where he lived until 1867. He subsequently spent a few years in Sullivan county, and then moved to Greene county, where he resided until his death, at the age of eighty-three years. The maiden name of his second wife, mother of Martin M., was Charity Martin. She was born, it is thought, in Shelby county, Indiana, where her father, George Martin, a native of North Carolina, was a pioneer settler. He was a basket maker and a farmer, and spent his last years in Edgar county, Illinois. He married a Miss Hoop. Of the union of Henry L. and Charity (Martin) Pope, eight children were born, namely: William, Martin M., Isabelle, Sarah, Mary, Aaron, Phebe and John. The mother of these children died at the age of fifty-six years.

Brought up in pioneer days Martin M. Pope learned to read and write in the old log schoolhouse, sitting on a slab seat which had wooden pegs for legs, while a slab placed against one side of the cabin served the children for a writing desk. The room was lighted with just the amount of light that could push its way through a strip of greased paper in an opening where one log was left out, and was heated by a fire built of logs in the huge fireplace. He was about nine years old when he made his first visit to Indianapolis, going there with his father to take a load of poultry. It was then quite a flourishing town, with less than ten thousand inhabitants, and but two railroads. Beginning life for himself at the age of twenty-two years, Mr. Pope rented a farm in Shelby county, taking at first a lease for four years. Coming to Sullivan county in 1866, he rented land for a few years, after which he bought a farm in Cass township. Subsequently selling that property, Mr. Pope was for fourteen years engaged in mercantile business in the village of Cass, having a substantial trade in general merchandise. In 1887 he bought the farm which he now owns and occupies, it having formerly belonged to his father-in-law, Greene L. Vernon, and has since been here profitably employed in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Pope married in 1860, Mary Matilda Vernon, who was born in Morrill township, Shelby county, Indiana, a daughter of Greene L. and Delitia (Vernon) Vernon. A native of North Carolina, Greene L. Vernon came from there to Indiana with teams, bringing with him his wife and two children. Entering government land in Morrill township, he first erected a log cabin, and then began the improvement of a farm, subsequently residing there until 1867, when he bought a farm in Cass

township, and here lived until his death the following year, passing away in 1868.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope are the parents of seven children, namely: Sarah E., Janie, Cordelia, Aaron, John, Minnie and Etta. Sarah E., wife of Frank Usery, has three children, Ferd, Eva P. and Ruth. Janie married William Miller, and died in 1892, leaving two children, Bert and Gertie. Cordelia, wife of W. Sanders Pigg, has six children, Herbert, Bessie, Raymond, Arval, Iva and Noal. Aaron married Florence Keene, and they have seven children, Bert, Zella, Sylvia, Clarence, Roy, Tony and Cleo. Minnie, wife of Hosea Steele, has two children, Vernie and Frances. Politically Mr. Pope is an active member of the Democratic party, and has filled various offices of trust and responsibility with ability and fidelity. While living in Shelby county he was poor superintendent and has served as assessor in Cass township. He has been deputy assessor three terms, was justice of the peace for eleven years, and for three years was a county commissioner. Religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Pope are worthy members of the Methodist Protestant church.

JOHN LAMMEY.—Many of the more prosperous and respected citizens of Sullivan county are of foreign birth, and in their native land acquired those habits of industry, thrift and frugality that have been such important factors in winning them wealth and good fortune in this country. Prominent among this number is John Lamme, who has retired from agricultural pursuits, and is now residing at his pleasant home in the village of Dugger, devoting his time to horticulture and agriculture, finding fully as much pleasure as profit in his congenial work. A son of John Lamme, Sr., he was born September 25, 1834, in county Tyrone, province of Ulster, Ireland, coming on the paternal side of French Huguenot ancestry. His grandparents, William and Ellen (Gallagher) Lamme, were life-long residents of the Emerald Isle.

John Lamme, Sr., a farmer by occupation, came to America about the time of the Civil war, and for awhile lived in Philadelphia. Subsequently purchasing a farm near Richmond, Virginia, he was there a resident until his death, at the venerable age of eight-nine years. He married Martha McNeil, who was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, of Scotch ancestors, being a daughter of John and Eliza McNeil, who spent their entire lives in Ireland. She died in Philadelphia. Of her children, five grew to maturity. Eliza went to Australia to live, and the others came to America. Ann is living in Philadelphia; Martha and William have passed to the life beyond; and John is the special subject of this sketch.

Bred and educated in his native county, John Lamme began as a boy to learn something of the various branches of agriculture, remaining with his parents until his marriage. He afterwards lived on rented land until 1860. In March of that year, hoping in this land of fair promise to better his financial condition, he came to the United States,

and for two years lived in Philadelphia, and then located in Coshocton county, Ohio. In August, 1863, Mr. Lamme, loyal to the land of his adoption, enlisted in Company F, Second Ohio Heavy Artillery, went south with his regiment, and remained with it in all of its hard marches, campaigns and battles, and with his comrades was honorably discharged from the service in August, 1865. Returning to Ohio, Mr. Lamme bought land near Mohawk village, and was there employed in tilling the soil until 1874. Coming then to Indiana, he settled in Sullivan county, for three years renting land. In the meantime, Mr. Lamme purchased a tract of wild, uncultivated land lying in sections twenty-three and twenty-four, Cass township, and in the log house which he erected he and his family lived for many years, and it is still standing. Clearing and improving the land, he subsequently built a good frame barn, and was there successfully employed in agricultural pursuits until 1904. Renting the farm at that time, he has since made his home in Dugger, pleasantly passing his time in caring for his fruit trees, flowers and bees, making a special study of these, and finding enjoyment in their cultivation.

Mr. Lamme married, October 3, 1854, Mary Graham, who was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, where her parents, Andrew and Jane (McMains) Graham, both of Scotch ancestry, spent their lives. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Lamme has been blessed by the birth of eight children, namely: Jane, William, John, Martha, Robert A., Charles, Lewis C. and Margaret E. Jane, wife of Frank Shivers, has six children, Wilmer, Minnie, James, Frank, Lizzie and John. William married Rachel McBride, and they have three children, John, Frank and Ruth. John married Susan Magill, and has four children, Myrtle, Mary, Earl and Ray. Martha, wife of William Exline, has six children, Jane, Josephine, Nora, John, Willie and Vinetta. Robert A. married Mary E. Lambright. Charles married Susan Doherty, and they have three children, Culmer, Opher and Cecil. Lewis C. married Clara Walters, and they have two children, Ethel and Hazel. Margaret E., wife of William Fry, has two children, Leroy and Willie. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Lamme are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically Mr. Lamme is a strong Republican. While in the army he cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and soon afterwards was granted his naturalization papers.

ELI CLAYTON.—An enterprising and well-to-do agriculturist, Eli Clayton is prosperously engaged in his free and independent vocation on one of the pleasantest and most desirable homesteads in Cass township. It has a fine location in section sixteen, and with its fertile land and comfortable and convenient set of buildings invariably attracts the attention of the passer-by, and indicates to what good purpose the proprietor has employed his time and means. Coming from pioneer stock, he was born August 31, 1866, in Cass township, a son of William Clayton.

Francis Clayton, grandfather of Eli, was born in Bradford, York-

shire, England. Acquiring a practical education in the public schools, he in company with his brother George subsequently embarked in the coal business, and for several years operated a number of mines. Visiting America in 1842, he looked about for a favorable business location, and spent a short time in Sullivan county. Going back to his native land in 1843, he remained there a year, and in 1844 returned to this country with his wife and five children, being eight weeks and three days in sailing across the ocean to New Orleans. From that city he came by steamer up the river to Evansville, Indiana, from there journeying with two four-horse teams to Greene county, bringing with him his household goods and provisions enough to last his family a year. At first he found shelter with friends, but ere long he bought a tract of land in Jefferson township. Several acres of the tract had been cleared, an orchard had been set out, and a two-roomed frame house and a log house had been erected. He soon built a mill, which he operated by horse power, and there ground both wheat and corn, the bolt being operated by hand. Selling that place in 1851, he purchased land on Burrow creek, in the north part of Cass township, and having improved the water power, built a grist mill in the place now known as Caledonia. There he lived as a farmer and miller until his death in December, 1853. He was twice married. His first wife, the grandmother of Eli Clayton, was a lifelong resident of England, and at her death she left three children: William (father of Eli), Eli and Jeremiah. By his second marriage he had two children: Frances, now Mrs. Snow, and John. All of his children were born in England.

Born in Bradford, Yorkshire, England, William Clayton attended school when young, and afterwards assisted his father in the mines. Soon after coming with the family to Indiana, he married Ann Lunn, who was born in England, and came to Greene county, Indiana, with her parents, Thomas and Christiana (Dolby) Lunn, who there improved a farm on which they spent their remaining years. He then settled on land that is now included in the home property of his son Eli, who was born in the cabin made of round logs that he then built. Laboring with unceasing toil, he cleared a large part of the wild land, placed it under cultivation, and later erected a set of frame buildings, and here resided until his death. To him and his wife eleven children were born, namely: Mary, Sarah, Christiana, Thomas, Francis, Rachel, Martha, Fanny, Emma, Eli and William.

Reared on the home farm, Eli Clayton gleaned his early education during the short terms of the district school, and as soon as practicable was initiated into the mysteries of farming. At the time of his marriage he bought forty acres of land in Jefferson township, but a few years later sold out and purchased the parental homestead, where he has since been busily employed in general farming, his labors being substantially rewarded by the abundant crops that he raises each season.

Mr. Clayton married, April 23, 1890, Mabel Shepherd. She was born July 30, 1870, in Haddon township, Sullivan county, which was also the birthplace of her father, Francis M. Shepherd, and the place in which her grandfather, William Shepherd, settled as a pioneer. Receiv-

ing excellent educational advantages, Francis M. Shepherd taught school when a young man, and afterwards turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, for a number of years being one of the leading farmers of Jefferson township, where his death occurred November 14, 1889. The maiden name of his wife was Sarah Willis. She was born in Haddon township, a daughter of John A. Willis, who was born in 1800 in Virginia, but was reared and married in Kentucky. Coming from there to Indiana about 1830, he entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land in Haddon township, and from the wilderness hewed out a farm. He built first a cabin of hickory logs, riving the boards to cover the roof, and putting in a stick and clay chimney. He had no stove for many years, his wife cooking by the open fireplace. He raised sheep and flax, and his wife, carded, spun and wove the cloth used in making garments for the family. In 1859, having succeeded well in improving his land, Mr. Willis built a substantial house from oak logs, with a good brick chimney and a porch. He subsequently bought the brick school house which had been erected on his land, and converted it into a good dwelling house, in which he resided until his death, at the age of eighty-six years. He was twice married. His second wife, Mrs. Clayton's maternal grandmother, was Sarah Boatman. She was born in 1812, in Jessamine county, Kentucky, and died aged eighty-three years. By this marriage Mr. Willis reared ten children: Ann E., Mary, William, Sarah, Marion F., Tilghman H., Margaret, James A., Ruah L. and Laura. By his first marriage he had two children: John and Richard. He joined the Methodist church after coming to Indiana, and became a licensed exhorter, and his wife and all of his children belonged to the same church. Mrs. Sarah (Willis) Shepherd is still a resident of Jefferson township. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton are the parents of three children, namely: Iva, Hazel and William Russell. Politically, Mr. Clayton is a loyal supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, and religiously both he and his wife are adherents of the Christian church, and the wife is a devout member of that denomination.

LEVI GAMBILL.—Holding a good position among the successful farmers of Cass township, Sullivan county, is Levi Gambill, who is emphatically a self-made man, as he started in life with no other capital than brains, a willingness to labor and the necessary muscle, and by his industry and excellent judgment and management has acquired a fair share of this world's goods. A son of Morgan Gambill, he was born in this township January 2, 1839, and is an excellent representative of the native-born citizens of this part of the state. His grandfather, Martin Gambill, came from Tennessee to Indiana at an early day, making the journey on horseback, and bringing with him his family and all of his household effects. On the farm which he improved in Wright township, Greene county, he spent his remaining days.

Born in Tennessee, Morgan Gambill was but a child when he came

with the family to Greene county, Indiana. An apt scholar in his youthful days, he was well educated for his times, and in early manhood began his career as a teacher, having charge of the first school established in Cass township. The round-log cabin in which he taught was rudely constructed and equipped, having a stick and clay chimney, a roof made of boards rived and held in place by poles, while the seats were made of slabs and the floor of puncheon. A strip of greased paper covering the narrow opening made by leaving out a round log admitted light to the room, which was heated by a fire in the fireplace. This part of Indiana was then a wilderness, and the comparatively few inhabitants lived in a very primitive manner, the farmers raising flax and sheep, and their hard-working wives carding, spinning and weaving the cloth in which she dressed her entire family. During his boyhood all grain was cut with a sickle, and the plows were made with wooden moldboards, on which were narrow points of iron. The wagons were home-made, the wheels being sawed from a log, and no iron at all used in their construction. Wild game, deer, wolves and bears were plentiful, and oftentimes damaged the growing crops unless they were carefully watched and guarded.

When a young man, Morgan Gambill entered government land in section one, Cass township, and having cleared a space erected from round logs the cabin in which his son Levi was born. With characteristic energy and enterprise he began the improvement of a homestead, and a few years later erected a commodious hewed log house, which was then considered a fine residence, and subsequently built on his place the first frame barn erected in the township, a barn that is still in use. Clearing the greater part of his land, he resided there until his death in 1852, when but forty-one years old. He married Ellen McGrew, who was born near Salem, Daviess county, Indiana, a daughter of John McGrew, a pioneer of Daviess and Greene counties, who improved a farm near Linton. She survived him, marrying subsequently for her second husband William Cone, and now, a bright and hearty woman of ninety-five years, is living with one of her sons. By her first marriage she reared seven children: John, Hannah, Lucinda, Levi, Wiley, Morgan and Mary Ann. By her second marriage she had two children: Eleanor and William.

Having received his early education in the district schools, Levi Gambill obtained on the home farm a practical experience in the art and science of agriculture, remaining with his mother until eighteen years old. Beginning life for himself then even with the world, he secured work on a neighboring farm, receiving nine dollars a month wages, which was then considered a good compensation. Prudent and economical, he accumulated enough money before many years to buy forty acres of the land that is now included in his present homestead. He built a hewed log house for his first home, and there began housekeeping with his bride. Enlisting in his country's defense in March, 1865, Mr. Gambill became a member of Company A, Fifty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, joined his regiment at Indianapolis, and with it went by way of Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey to New York City, from there going by steamer to Wilmington, North Carolina, and after a short stop at that port return-

ing by boat as far north as Alexandria, Virginia. A few weeks later he marched with his comrades to Washington, where he took part in the Grand Review. Going from there to Pennsylvania, and thence to Kentucky, he was there honorably discharged from the service in the fall of 1865. Returning home, Mr. Gambill resumed the care of his land, and has since enlarged his farm by purchase of adjoining land, having now eighty-five acres in his homestead. He has placed his land in a fine state of cultivation, erected a substantial set of frame buildings, and set out fruit and shade trees, each year adding to the beauty and value of the property.

On February 7, 1860, Mr. Gambill married Elizabeth Moore. She was born in Cass township, a daughter of James Moore, and granddaughter of Robert Moore. Her grandfather, an early settler of Sullivan county, improved a farm in the west half of the northeast quarter of section fourteen, Cass township, and in addition to being a successful farmer was one of the noted hunters of his day. James Moore cleared and improved a homestead in section fourteen, Cass township, and was there employed in tilling the soil until his death, at the age of forty-four years. His widow, whose maiden name was Sarah Graves, married for her second husband Joseph Linn, and died at the age of seventy-two years. She reared four children by her first marriage: William, Elias, Elizabeth (now Mrs. Gambill) and John. Her father, Elias Graves, was also a pioneer of Cass township, and from the wilderness redeemed in the south half of section one a farm of one hundred and sixty acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Gambill have three children, namely: John S., Sarah E. and William M. John married Amanda Gabard, and they have five children: Homer, Cornie, Osal, Bessie and Kittie. Sarah E., wife of John Marshall Buck, has six children: Chloe, Dessie, Alma, Dora, Pearl and Estie. William M. married Elizabeth Kelley, and they have two children: Nona and Everett. Chloe Buck married Otis Pitcher, and they have two children: Louis and Pansy. Dessie Buck married Albert Boyd, and has one child, Theresa. Bessie Gambill, wife of Ira Sisk, has two children: Esther and Iva. Politically, Mr. Gambill votes for the best men and measures, regardless of party restrictions, and religiously, both Mr. and Mrs. Gambill are members of the Christian church. Fraternally, he is a Mason of Sullivan.

DANIEL H. HALBERSTADT was born on the 7th of January, 1850, about three-fourths of a mile north of where he now resides, and is a son of one of the most honored pioneer families of Sullivan county, Harrison and Elizabeth (Manwarring) Halberstadt. They were born in Franklin county, Indiana, and came to Jackson township in Sullivan county as early as 1837, and here they both spent the remainder of their lives and died. Mr. Halberstadt, the father, was quite a prominent stock raiser, and owned over two hundred acres of good land. The Republican party received his staunch support and co-operation, and both he and his wife were earnest members of the Methodist church. They reared five

children to years of maturity, namely: George M., whose home is in Jackson township; Charlotte, deceased; Thomas J. and Elijah T., who also reside in Jackson township; and Daniel H., who is mentioned more at length below.

Daniel H. Halberstadt remained at home and assisted his father in clearing and improving his land until his marriage, which occurred on the 27th of November, 1873, to Samantha Ridgeway, who was born in Jackson township, September 26, 1852, a daughter of Jacob W. and Julia A. Ridgeway, both of whom were born in Kentucky, but they were married in Sullivan county, Indiana. Mr. Ridgeway was a lifelong tiller of the soil, and he owned an estate of four hundred and eighty acres. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Halberstadt, three are deceased, two dying in infancy, and Bettie Lillian at the age of nineteen years. The two living are Nellie G. and Goldie May. The elder is the wife of John A. Harding, of Jackson township, and the younger is at home with her parents.

After his marriage Mr. Halberstadt erected a pleasant home on his farm, and here the family have ever since lived, the homestead farm consisting of eighty acres. He is a carpenter as well as a farmer, and has been very successful in his business operations. His politics are Republican, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church.

KATHERINE (GRANT) WALLACE, a member of one of the most prominent families of Sullivan county, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, September 14, 1836, a daughter of Peter and Anna (Neff) Grant. The father was born in Glasgow, Scotland, but was only a boy of nineteen when he came to this country, and he spent three months in crossing the ocean. He taught school both before and after coming to the United States, and was one of the highly educated men of his day, being able to speak five different languages, and his professional career covered the long period of fifty or sixty years. During that time he taught in Baltimore and in many of the higher educational institutions of learning, but finally he came to Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1855, and spent the remainder of his life here, his later years having been passed on his farm in Jackson township. From the Whigs he transferred his political allegiance to the Democracy, and both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, in which he served as an elder for many years. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Grant, namely: Katherine Wallace; Mary Forester, deceased; Elizabeth Squire, also deceased; Anna Wallace, whose home is in Curry township; William and Charles, who have both passed away; Caroline Baker, whose husband is a minister at Lyons; and Morgan, who died in infancy.

The daughter Katherine received her educational training in the public schools and under the able instructions of her father, and she also taught school during about four years before her marriage. This occurred on the 7th of August, 1859, when she wedded Henry R. Wallace, Sr.,

who was born February 7, 1824, in Pennsylvania, and was a lad of sixteen when he came with his parents to Indiana. Immediately following their marriage the young couple moved to the farm where the widow yet resides and which had been entered from the government by his father. Mr. Wallace cleared and improved this place, and made it his home until his death on the 7th of August, 1887, and he was buried in Littleflock cemetery, near Shelburn. At his death he left a valuable estate of four hundred acres, and during his lifetime he had been prominently engaged in the raising of grain and stock. His politics were Democratic, and he was prominently before the people for many years as a squire, as a trustee and as a county commissioner. He was at the same time an earnest Christian gentleman, a member of the Presbyterian denomination, and for many years he served his church as a deacon.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace was blessed by the birth of five children, namely: Elizabeth Giles, of Jackson township; Frank, who married Joanna Giles, by whom he has two children, Katharine and Henry, and the family home is in Curry township; Edward P., at home with his mother; Harry S., who has been twice married, first to Leona Wagner, deceased, and secondly to Sarah Ross, and he is now practicing law in Terre Haute; and Peter J., who died at the age of seven years. Mrs. Wallace and her son reside on her estate of eighty acres in Jackson township, and she is a prominent member and an earnest worker in the Presbyterian church.

JACOB CUMSON, whose home for many years has been on a farm in Jackson township, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, June 20, 1848, a son of James and Nancy (Early) Cumson, natives respectively of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and of Scotland. When twenty years of age, in 1807, James Cumson went to Ohio and became a farmer and cabinet-maker there, and his life's labors were ended in death in about 1878, surviving his wife for about ten years, and they both lie buried in Ohio.

Jacob Cumson attended school in Harrison county, Ohio, during his boyhood days, and he has practically cared for himself since the early age of sixteen years. At this time, about 1864, he obtained a government position in the quartermaster's department, where he remained for about eighteen months, and he then worked for others until 1867, after which he farmed on rented land in Guernsey county for one year. At the close of that period he bought a little twenty acre farm in Ohio, and lived and labored there until he sold the land and came to Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1883, here buying forty acres, where he now lives. He has sold the coal which underlies this tract, and he also owns eighty acres of land about half a mile northeast and thirty-six acres in Cass township, renting about twenty-five acres of these tracts, while on the remainder he is engaged in general farming and stock raising. He is a Republican in politics, and is now serving as a justice of the peace, and to his honor it may be said that he was elected to this office without his knowledge.

On the 13th of October, 1868, Mr. Cumson married Sarah E. Lam-

bright, who was born in Harrison county, Ohio, a daughter of Henry and Mary Jane (Shivers) Lambright, natives respectively of Germany and of Ohio. They came to Sullivan county in 1882 and bought a farm in Cass township, where the father died in 1904 and the mother about fourteen years previously. Mrs. Cumson has also passed away, dying on the 30th of April, 1907, after becoming the mother of three children, but only Mary Elizabeth, the youngest, is now living, the two others having died in infancy. Mr. Cumson is a member of the Methodist church.

ROBERT J. DENTON, one of the thrifty agriculturists of Jackson township, Sullivan county, is a native of Vigo county, Indiana, born April 23, 1839, son of Joseph W. and Anna (Miller) Denton, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Tennessee. The father came to Terre Haute, Indiana, when it was yet a small place. He located on lands near Terre Haute, where he resided with his parents, and they both died near Lewis, Indiana. Mr. Denton remained at home until twenty-one years of age, when he married and moved to a farm in Honey Creek township, where he followed farm life until 1862. He then removed to Lancaster, Owen county, where he stayed one year, then went to the old home place. During this term of years by frugal and industrious habits he had succeeded in accumulating over one thousand acres of land in Vigo, Clay and Owen counties. At the time of his death he resided near Lewis, having sold the old place and purchased another farm about three miles from the old one. He died about 1878, his father having survived until 1880. Mr. Denton's mother died in 1860, and his grandmother in 1877.

Robert J. Denton remained under the paternal roof until twenty years of age, when his father gave him eighty acres of land. He then located on his own farm in Pierson township. On October 10, 1864, he enlisted in the Twenty-first Heavy Artillery, in which service he was faithful to every known duty for twelve months. He was a member of Company C. Upon his return home he engaged in farming on the place where he now lives, which land he had purchased prior to going into the army. At one time this place contained four hundred and forty acres, but has been sold off until he now has but seventy acres. He bought and sold stock for about twenty years and carried on general farming in connection with his extensive stock business. Of late years he has lived more of a retired life and enjoys the fruits of his long and strenuous life.

Mr. Denton is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Hymera. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Denton is a member. Politically he is a believer in the principles of the Republican party, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln for president.

He was married, October 4, 1860, to Martha Lovett, born in Ohio June 10, 1857, daughter of Jonas Lovett. Martha Lovett came to Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1859, her sister having resided here some years before. She taught school in Indiana from the time she was sixteen years of age

until her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Denton have been born six children, as follows: Charles A., married and resides on a farm near his father; Joseph Ellsworth, married and lives near the father; Mary Etta, deceased; Arthur, deceased; William, married and lives in Oklahoma City; and Rhoda, wife of Charles Liston.

CAROLINE (MAHAN) BRANSON.—Mrs. Caroline Mahan Branson was born in Kentucky January 13, 1832, a daughter of Jeremiah and Jemima (Browning) Mahan, both of whom were also born in Kentucky. Coming to Jackson township in Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1834, they entered land here at that early day, and the father was both a cooper and farmer, having operated a shop both before and after coming to this county. During the years of his residence in Sullivan county he also cleared his farm of two hundred acres and operated a saw and grist mill, becoming one of the best known men throughout the entire county, loved and honored for his many sterling characteristics, and he was known as "Uncle Jerry" by his many friends and acquaintances. His politics were Democratic, and he held to the Methodist belief. His parents, John and Sarah Mahan, were both natives of Kentucky, but they also came to Indiana and entered land near Hymera, where they became prominent agriculturists.

Mrs. Branson is one of the four children born to Jeremiah and Jemima Mahan, namely: William, deceased; James, whose home is in Jackson township; Mrs. Branson; and John J., deceased. The father was a second time married, wedding Nancy Cochran, and their ten children are Jane, George, Emma, Charles, Thomas J., Ann, Mary, Elizabeth, Jeremiah and an infant.

On the 1st of July, 1852, Caroline Mahan gave her hand in marriage to Isaiah Branson, the only child of Asa and Nancy (Allen) Branson, who were born respectively September 17, 1798, and October 18, 1801, in Pittsylvania county, Virginia. Asa was a son of Michael and Mary Branson. Mr. and Mrs. Branson have resided on their present homestead since their marriage, and their union has been blessed by the birth of eleven children, as follows: Nancy, deceased; Noten M., who married Sarah J. Miller and resides in Jackson township; Josephine Williams, of Jackson township; Lucy Flowers, whose home is in Oklahoma; Isaiah J., who resides in Hymera; John, of Jackson township; Charles, who died at the age of five years; Emma, also deceased; Stella Swift, of Clay county, Indiana, and two, the fourth and fifth born, who died in infancy.

JOHN WAMBAUGH, who is a well known grain and stock farmer residing on his one hundred and twenty acre farm in Jackson township, Sullivan county, is a native of Decatur county, Indiana, born August 9,

1862, a son of Ebenezer and Rosena E. (Freedman) Wambaugh. His father was born in Berlin, Germany, in October, 1829, and came to this country in 1858. He was married after arriving in America, and first located in Decatur county, Indiana, where he purchased the sixty acres of land upon which he lived until 1873, and in the following November bought the farm upon which John, his son, now resides. He bought one hundred and twenty acres at first, but later added to it, making in all three hundred and seventy-five acres. Here he became an extensive cattle and hog raiser. He was an enterprising man, and had the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends. Politically he voted the Democratic ticket, and in church faith was a Roman Catholic. His wife was born about 1824, in Berlin, Germany, along the river Rhine. She accompanied some of her brothers and sisters to America. The date of her death was April 10, 1896, and that of her husband was April 20, 1896. Their children were as follows: Lynia, Mrs. Rossfield, residing in Louisville, Kentucky; Tressa, Mrs. Lansing, of Aurora, Indiana; Mary, Mrs. Miller, of Indianapolis; John, of this notice; Anna, Mrs. Brown, residing in Jackson township, Sullivan county; Rose, Mrs. Burton, of Jackson township, and Joseph, of Coalmont, Indiana.

John Wambaugh received his education at the common schools and was reared to farm pursuits. After farming on his father's land a few seasons he bought thirty-five acres east of his present place, which he subsequently sold, as well as the other land that he owned. He next purchased the farm on which he now lives in Jackson township, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres, which has come to be a well improved place and which he devotes to both grain and stock raising.

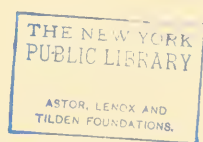
Politically Mr. Wambaugh is a supporter of the Democratic party, but prefers others to fill the local offices of his township and county. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Presbyterian church. He was united in marriage November 23, 1886, to Ellen Forbes, born June 12, 1866, in Linton township, Vigo county, Indiana, a daughter of Calvin and Harriet (Fitzwater) Forbes. Her father is now living with his daughter in Sullivan, the mother being deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wambaugh are the parents of four children: Noble William, born November 1, 1887; he has completed his common school studies and is now assisting his father on the farm; Almeda, born June 15, 1890, graduated from the common school and then entered the Normal school, but owing to her failing health she is now at home; Iva G., born November 1, 1893, is attending school, and Irma May, born March 3, 1903, is also in school. Mr. Wambaugh is a member of the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 11.

MRS. NANCY ANN (TAYLOR) RAILSBACK, widow of John S. Railsback, who was a prosperous farmer of Jackson township up to the time of his death, which occurred in this township August 22, 1906, was born March 16, 1854, in Monroe county, Indiana, the daughter of John C. and

Mary E. (Bennett) Taylor. The father was born in 1832 in Davis county, Indiana, and died in 1871. He was buried in the Liberty cemetery north of Shelburn. Mrs. Railsback is the oldest of twelve children in her parents' family, born in the following order: Nancy Ann; Samuel, residing in Curry township; Robert, residing in Sullivan; Richard, living in Curry township; Sarah J. (Mrs. Wood), residing in Curry township; Molly (Mrs. Martin), resides in Sugar Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, and Dora, residing with her mother in Curry township. The remaining five children of this family are now deceased.

Nancy Ann Taylor was united in marriage to John S. Railsback January 17, 1875. He was born November 8, 1849, in Kentucky, and within Nelson county. He was the son of Lewis D. and Delithia J. (Reynolds) Railsback, both of whom were natives of Kentucky and both now deceased. They were energetic farmers throughout their active lives. John S. Railsback came to Sullivan county with his parents in 1853, and they located in Curry township. After the marriage of John S. to Miss Taylor they leased a farm in Curry township and continued as renters until 1880, when they purchased a farm containing forty acres, where Mrs. Railsback now resides, the same being three miles north of Hymera. Her sons now carry on the farming operations there for her. Her husband was a staunch Democrat in his political affiliations, and served his township as assessor one term and was deputy assessor several terms, and was supervisor of roads. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Railsback were twelve in number, of whom nine are still living: Ira B., born in the autumn of 1875, died in January, 1903, leaving a wife but no issue; Ola Etta, born 1877, married Elvis Earl Maratta, residing in Jackson township, and they are the parents of three children—Logan E., Chester A. and Wayne B.; Dora, born December 23, 1880, wedded Otto Miller, a resident of Vigo county; Lottie V., born August 8, 1881, is unmarried and teaching school; Charles R., born December 14, 1882, married Miss Stella Ridgeway and has the farm and mines coal. He is the owner of seventy-one acres of land; John C., born May 14, 1884, is still at home and works the home farm; Claudia T., born August 24, 1885, is at home; Dolpha, born June 12, 1887, is at Terre Haute; Lessie A., born November 20, 1888, is attending high school at Hymera; Molly B., born November 28, 1890, died in April, 1897; Lona F., born December 5, 1894, now attends the public school. One also died in infancy. Mrs. Railsback is a consistent member of the Christian church.

SAMUEL F. BADDERS.—Although long and prominently identified with the agricultural and business interests of Sullivan county, Samuel F. Badders, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, January 5, 1827, a son of James and Christena (Frey) Badders, both of whom were born in York county, Pennsylvania. They went to Ohio just after the war of 1812, but in 1829 returned to Pennsylvania, where they spent the remainder of their lives on a farm in Beaver county, the husband pre-





Mary Badders



Sam F. Badgers



ceding his wife in death several years. Their estate in Beaver county consisted of three hundred and eighty-two acres of land.

Samuel F. Badders secured his educational training in the district schools of Pennsylvania, and in 1845 he started out in life for himself in connection with a wholesale and retail grocery house in Wellsville, Ohio. After he had been there two years the house purchased a steamboat and Mr. Badders was given the choice of staying in the store or going on the boat. He had studied steamboat bookkeeping at Duff's Commercial College at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and choosing the latter, he was to receive thirty-five dollars for the first year and fifty dollars for the second year, and he was just one dollar in debt at the close of his two years' service. For several years he was employed on different boats, and during the latter part of his service on the water he received as high as one hundred and twenty-five dollars a month. He continued boating until 1853, and after the death of his wife he resumed the occupation, and was in Florida and other points in the South for one year. In 1857 he came to Sullivan county and bought four hundred acres of canal land, which was almost entirely covered with timber. He at once began the arduous task of clearing and preparing his land for cultivation, and he has resided on this farm ever since, it now containing four hundred and twenty acres of rich and highly improved land, richly underlaid with coal, but he has sold the coal from three hundred and five acres of the tract. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising, and aside from being one of the representative farmers of Jackson township he is perhaps the oldest living member of the bar of Sullivan county. The exact time of his admittance is not known, as no records were kept by the clerk at that time, and in all the walks of life he is honored among the people with whom he has so long made his home.

On the 5th of January, 1854, Mr. Badders was united in marriage to Miss Harriett Todd, a daughter of Joshua and Rachael (Wiley) Todd, both of whom died in Columbiana county, Ohio. Mrs. Badders has joined them in the home beyond, dying in 1856, and her two children, Emma Luella and Tascala Adella, are also deceased. On the 8th of June, 1858, Mr. Badders wedded Miss Mary Snowden, who was born in Ireland to Orr and Nancy (Martin) Snowden, her natal day being the 16th of March, 1832, and in 1852 she came with her parents to the United States and to Sullivan county, Indiana, locating near the home of her future husband. The parents spent the remainder of their lives here. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Badders, namely: Indiana, the wife of E. H. Irwin, of Cleburne county, Arkansas; Harry M., who is married and also resides in that county; Martin E., at home; John Charles, who married, but his wife is deceased, and he lives near his father's farm; Marietta, the wife of William M. Case; Samuel Burton, deceased; Clinton S., at home; Lewti, the deceased wife of Charles Shivers; Nina, now Mrs. Gordon; and William Webster, who married Leona Allen, deceased, and he resides in Hebron, Arkansas. Mr. Badders is a Socialist in politics. He has been a Mason since 1872, at Lewis, Indiana.

GEORGE M. HALBERSTADT, for many years identified with the agricultural interests of Sullivan county, was born in Franklin county, Indiana, January 26, 1837, a son of William Harrison and Elizabeth (Manwarring) Halberstadt. It was in 1837 that the father, William H. Halberstadt, established his home in Jackson township, Sullivan county, where he entered land from the government and at one time was the owner of a fine estate of three hundred acres. He spent the remainder of his life on this homestead, and was engaged in farming throughout his entire business career. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist church, and he was a prominent and active worker in its cause. His life in Sullivan county covered the span of fifty-five years, and he became one of its best known and most honored residents.

Mr. Halberstadt was first married in 1833 to Elizabeth Manwarring, who died in 1883, after becoming the mother of five children: Charlotte, deceased; John T., whose home is in Jackson township; George M., the subject of this review; and Elijah T. and Daniel H., both of whom reside in Jackson township. For his second wife Mr. Halberstadt wedded Elizabeth Register, who died in 1905, but there was no issue by the second union.

During the period of the Civil war, in October, 1864, George M. Halberstadt enlisted in Company G, Eighty-fifth Indiana Infantry, and served until the close of the conflict, and he now receives a pension of fifteen dollars a month in compensation for his services. He remained at home with his parents until his marriage, and after that event he came to the farm where he now lives, a valuable homestead of one hundred and fifty-eight acres. He has been a successful farmer throughout the years of his business life, and his political affiliations are with the Republican party.

On the 28th of November, 1877, he was united in marriage to Mary E. Mahan, who died in April of 1908. They had three children: Ethel Romine, of Vigo county, Indiana; George, who is married and living with his father; and Stella Forbes, also of Jackson township. Mr. Halberstadt has been three times married, first wedding Margaret J. Mahan, a sister of his present wife, and she died without issue. His second wife was Mary E. Phillips, who left three children at her death, namely: William H., a minister at Robinson, Illinois; Louetta Bennett, of Farmersburg; and Maria Romine, of Jackson township. Mr. Halberstadt is a member of the Methodist church.

WILLIAM W. BARCUS was born in the house in which he now resides on the 14th of December, 1869, and this place has ever since been his home and the scene of his operations. Thus far in life he has followed the tilling of the soil for a livelihood, and after his marriage he continued to live with his parents and operate the farm, his present estate consisting of one hundred and twenty acres of rich and fertile land,

where he follows both grain and stock farming. He is a member of the Farmersburg Mutual Telephone Company, is a stockholder in the Citizens' State Bank at Hymera and is quite prominent and active in the local councils of the Republican party.

Mr. Barcus is a son of Thomas G. and Amanda S. (Goodwin) Barcus. The father was born on the 12th of June, 1830, and died on the 25th of March, 1902, and lies buried in Nye's Chapel cemetery. His life work was farming, becoming very successful in the vocation, and at one time he owned two hundred and forty acres of land. He was also a broom maker, working at that occupation in the winter months when not employed on the farm, and he also raised his own broom corn. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and was a member of the United Brethren church, as is also his wife. She was born on the 21st of April, 1838, and is now living with her son William. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barcus, namely: Sarah E., who was born on the 28th of May, 1857, and died on the 8th of July, 1876; Delphia, born August 28, 1858, died October 2, 1859; George R., born August 9, 1860, died February 13, 1864; Samuel J., born November 10, 1861, resides in Alberta, Canada; Rosa B., born July 15, 1864, died June 7, 1894; Tilla J., born July 23, 1866, married Samuel Patton and resides in Hymera; William W., whose name introduces this review; Anna M., born May 2, 1871, is the wife of Harvey Patton, of Hymera; Luella, born November 19, 1873, is deceased, and Thomas E., born May 11, 1876, died February 1, 1877.

On the 16th of January, 1891, William W. Barcus was united in marriage to Louisa B. Harvey, who was born in Jackson township November 16, 1872, a daughter of William and Matilda (McCammon) Harvey, born respectively on the 4th of November, 1839, in Franklin county, Indiana, and on the 22d of March, 1851, in Jackson township, Sullivan county. Their home is now one mile north of Hymera on a farm of sixty acres. Mr. Harvey served four years in the Civil war as a member of Company B, Thirty-seventh Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry, as a private, and he has been engaged in farming ever since his return from the war. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Barcus, namely: Helen H., born August 7, 1901; George W., October 20, 1902; Hazel E., July 12, 1904; and Alice M., May 27, 1906. Mrs. Barcus is a member of the Methodist church.

WILLIAM M. CASE is numbered among the prominent farmers and stock raisers of Jackson township, where he owns a pleasant and attractive homestead farm. He was born one mile north of Sullivan October 28, 1864, a son of William F. and Jane C. (Boone) Case. When he had reached the age of eighteen years he started out in life for himself, working as a farm hand for one year, and then going to Sumner county, Kansas, he spent one year there, after which he returned to his home and

attended school during one winter and superintended his father's farm until he was twenty-two. He was married at that time and rented a farm in Greene county for one season, after which he returned to Sullivan county and farmed rented land until he purchased eighty acres where he now lives in 1895. He has since been engaged in general farming, and has also added to his original purchase until he now owns about one hundred and eighty-five acres of rich and fertile land, while in addition to this he has also become the owner of a dwelling house and a business building in Hymera and valuable residence property in Martinsville, Illinois. His stock is of a high grade, consisting of Shropshire sheep, of which he has about eighty-two head, and horses and cattle, usually raising from four to ten head of horses and about twenty head of cattle. Jackson township numbers him among her leading agriculturists.

On the 28th of October, 1886, Mr. Case was united in marriage to Marietta, a daughter of Samuel F. and Mary (Snowden) Badders, and they have become the parents of four children, but the first born died in infancy, and Clarence, the second, is also deceased. Cecile and Floyd are both at home and attending school. Mr. Case is independent in his political affiliations.

DORCY C. GARD.—During many years Dorcy C. Gard has been residing in Sullivan county, and he has become prominent in its business life. He was born in Greenfield, Hancock county, Indiana, June 9, 1860, a son of George and Nancy (Smith) Gard. The mother was also born in Greenfield, and she died in May of 1903. There her son Dorcy attended school in his youth, but his educational advantages were limited, and he was with his maternal grandparents from the time he was six weeks old until the age of seventeen. He then began work in a brickyard in Indianapolis, but after some years there he came to Sullivan county and worked as a farm hand until his marriage. Since that time he has been more or less identified with mining, but still continues the work of his farm when the mines are not in operation, being both a grain and stock raiser.

On the 23d of May, 1886, Mr. Gard was married to Harriette Bell French, a daughter of William and Ruth (Mattingly) French, both of whom were born in Mason county, Kentucky, and they were there married in March, 1862. In September of the same year they came to Sullivan county, Indiana. Mr. French's father had previously visited this community and entered a homestead, and William French built a home on his father's land, and there he died when his daughter Harriette was but fifteen months old. The widow continued to reside on the farm with his father for about seventeen years, and he then deeded her sixty acres of the land. In 1893 she sold her farm to the Coal Company and bought eighty acres where Mr. and Mrs. Gard now reside. In 1903 they built one of the neat and modest country residences in the township, located three-quarters of a mile west of Hymera, and there they expect to spend the remainder of their lives. In the French family there were three children: Maggie,

born March 6, 1863, married George Browning, and died on the 4th of December, 1892, after becoming the mother of a child which died in infancy. Mr. Browning now resides in Starr City, Sullivan county. Harriette B. became the wife of Mr. Gard. Mary Maria, born September 11, 1867, became the wife of Frank Hess and died October 6, 1893. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gard. The eldest, Myrtle, born March 15, 1887, is the wife of Austin Shipley, a carpenter and miner in Hymera, and their two children are Lucile, who was born May 24, 1906, and Dorey, a little son; Mattie Ethel, born April 18, 1889, died October 2, 1901; Ruth Ann, born May 24, 1894, is at home, as is also Stella Marie, born March 5, 1896; Fannie L., born May 31, 1901, died December 11, 1903.

Mr. Gard has membership relations with the Masonic order, the Home Defenders and the Eastern Star. He is a self-made man in the truest sense of the word, and deserves much praise for the success he has achieved in life. His politics are Democratic, and he is a member of the Methodist church.

LORENZO D. SINK, who is farming in Jackson township, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, November 11, 1842, a son of John and Sarah (Klenk) Sink, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. Moving to Ohio in an early day Mr. Sink became a carpenter and cabinet maker, and followed those trades for many years or until he engaged in farming. He was twice married, and by his first wife he had eight children, while by his second union, of whom Lorenzo was the eighth born, he had thirteen children, of whom four are now living, namely: Lorenzo D.; Zachary T., whose home is near his brother Lorenzo; Eva Ann Williams, of Patricksburg; and Eliza, the oldest of the living children, is now Mrs. Shoup and a resident of northern Indiana.

Lorenzo D. Sink attended school first in Ohio, and then moving with his parents to Indiana he was a student in a school near Steubenville in Owen county, but his educational advantages in his early youth were limited, as his father was old and the care of the farm fell upon him. He was obliged to leave school at the age of eighteen years, and up to that time he had never seen a school book with the exception of an arithmetic, in which he had reached the division of fractions. But seven years after leaving school at the earnest request of the citizens he was engaged as teacher in the school of his neighborhood. He at once purchased some books and spent some time studying at home and also studied under the instructions of a friend for twenty-three days. At the county examination he was obliged to make an average of sixty per cent and not fall below forty per cent in any one study, and in spite of adverse circumstances he obtained his license and taught a term of seven months on a six months' license, but before the expiration of this license he obtained the position of a teacher for the following term. He then

obtained a two years' license and taught for four years without further examination. He taught in all about ten years, and seven years of that time were spent in the school which he had formerly attended as a scholar.

Mr. Sink continued at home with his father until he was twenty-two years of age, and he then farmed the home place on shares for his mother for several years. Finally he and his brother bought the mother's interest in the homestead, and he continued to reside there until the spring of 1880, when he sold his land, and coming to Jackson township purchased the eighty acres where he now lives. He makes a specialty of the raising of corn, and at the present time is the only man in the township who is able to sell that commodity. During the Civil war Mr. Sink served as a private in the Thirty-third Indiana Infantry for four months or until the war closed. He enlisted in the service in March of 1865.

In February of 1865 he was united in marriage to Hannah A., a daughter of Harrison and Louisa (Bloss) Kelly, both of whom were born in Jackson county, Indiana, and both are now deceased. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Sink has been blessed by the birth of the following children: Sarah, the wife of William Miller, a railroad man at Mattoon, Illinois; Charles A., employed in the broom corn warehouse at Mattoon; William Grant, a plumber in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Lillie, the wife of Henry Conrad, a heater in a rolling mill in St. Louis, Missouri; Marietta, the wife of George Hankey, who resides near her father; Bessie G., wife of Cecil Scott, a miner in this township; Cora, at home; and Clarence, deceased. Mr. Sink is a Republican in politics, and he attends the services of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOSIAH WORTH.—Never can greater honor be paid than to those who aided in holding high the principles of liberty during the period of the Civil war, and among those who were called upon to lay down their lives on the altar of their country during that conflict is numbered Josiah Worth, one of the early agriculturists of Sullivan county. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, March 19, 1830, a son of James and Elizabeth (Romig) Worth, who were also born in that county. Coming to Indiana about 1858, they located in Jackson township, Sullivan county, and after several years they moved to a farm near by the one on which they had first located. But after five years they returned to the first homestead, and there they subsequently died, the mother in 1874 and the father in 1888.

Shortly after coming with his parents to Sullivan county Josiah Worth married, but continued to live on his father's farm until he enlisted for the war, entering the Eighty-fifth Indiana Regiment in 1862, and his death occurred at Lexington from sickness contracted in the army. His widow continued on the senior Mr. Worth's farm for about two years longer, and then bought twenty acres where she now lives, but has added to this little tract from time to time until she now owns sixty-two

acres, and here she expects to spend the remainder of her life. She bore the maiden name of Mary Tennis, and was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, October 9, 1835, a daughter of John and Nancy (Rose) Tennis, both of whom were also born in that county. In 1853 they came to Sullivan county and located on the farm on which Mrs. Worth now resides, and at that time the farm was densely covered with timber. The father at once began clearing and preparing his land for cultivation, and he died on the old homestead there in June of 1873, his widow surviving until the 6th of November, 1888. Four children were born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Worth, namely: James, who married Martha Nicholson, a native of Sullivan county, and they reside on the old home farm with his mother. Their ten children are: Mollie, deceased; Effie May, wife of Herton Griffith, of Jackson township; Anna Elizabeth, wife of Earl Griffith, of Clay county; Emma Viola, with her parents; Melissa Elvie, at home; James Harrison, Charles Joseph and Herbert Alfred, also at home; and two who died in infancy. John, the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Worth, is deceased; Elizabeth is the wife of Joseph Gordon, of Clay county, and their four children are James Sylvester, Herbert Alfred, Ethel and Stella. Anna, deceased, was the wife of John B. Nicholson, of Jackson township, and their two children are Mary Josephine and Charles Edward.

James Worth, the eldest of the children, has always remained with his mother, looking after her estate as well as his own. In 1874 he bought eighteen acres of land in Jackson township, but he has since, added forty acres more to this tract, and is engaged in general farming and stock raising. He is a Republican politically, and a member of the Masonic order in Hymera and of the Christian church. The politics of Mr. Worth, the father, were also Republican, and he too was a valued and earnest church member.

JAMES W. BROWN.—In an account of the events which form the history of Sullivan county the name of this family appears frequently on its pages. Samuel Brown, the paternal great-grandfather of James W., was a native of Scotland, but during his early life he came to the United States and in time became a resident of Ohio, where with the assistance of his son Samuel he opened a farm.

Samuel, the son, was also a native of Scotland, and coming with his father to America eventually became a resident of Washington county, Indiana, but after a residence there of about sixteen or eighteen years he came to Sullivan county and died here in 1859. He became very prominent in the public life of this community, and at one time represented Sullivan county in the legislature. His politics were Democratic until the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, when he joined the Republicans. Samuel Brown married Nancy Duff, of Irish descent, and they became the parents of five children: Stephen, John K., Mary, James and William, all now deceased.

John K. Brown was born in Washington county, Indiana, in 1819, and he was but a lad of eleven when he came with his parents to Sullivan county and was reared and educated here. He entered land here in 1854, and became the owner of an estate of three hundred acres, being a life-long and successful farmer. After the Civil war he joined the Republican party, and both he and his wife were members of the old-school Presbyterian church. He married Mary McClary, who was born in Tennessee, and came with her parents to Terre Haute, Indiana. Her father, John McClary, was a native of Virginia. Seven children were born to John K. and Mary Brown, as follows: Margaret E., deceased; Samuel U., of Farmersburg; John C., of Jackson township; Mary J. Burton, whose home is in Farmersburg; Nancy E. Ford, also of that place; James W., the subject of this review; and William H., of Jackson township. Mr. Brown, the father, died in 1895, but his widow yet survives and is living with her son James. She was born on the 16th of April, 1829.

James W. Brown remained at home with his parents until his marriage, and his father then gave him one hundred and fifty-four acres, the nucleus of his present homestead, which lies four and a half miles east of Farmersburg and contains one hundred and sixty-six acres. Mr. Brown is both a grain and stock farmer, and in 1905 he erected a feed mill and threshing machine. He is also a director and the treasurer of the Delora Oil and Gas Company, and is a prominent factor in the business life of Sullivan county.

On the 30th of October, 1894, he was married to Mary M. Caton, who was born in Owen county, Indiana, February 29, 1876, a daughter of Hugh B. and Toliver (Candace) Caton, both of whom were also born in Owen county. They subsequently came to Sullivan county and located at Hymera, where Mr. Caton followed the blacksmith's trade. His wife died in 1904, and in 1907 he went to Texas, where he now follows farming and blacksmithing. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown: John B., born January 25, 1896; Roy S., March 2, 1897; Nellie M., April 16, 1899; and Daisy M., October 28, 1903. The three eldest children are attending school. Mr. Brown gives his political allegiance to the Republican party. As a member of the well known Bartlett Quartet he toured Indiana and Illinois for four years and won fame and prominence in musical circles. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

HARRISON BARNHART.—The business life of Sullivan county finds a worthy representative in Harrison Barnhart, who has been an agriculturist throughout his industrial career, and during the past four years he has also conducted a wholesale butcher business and enjoys a large and remunerative trade. During the past seven years he has also bought and shipped stock quite extensively. When he started out in life for himself after his marriage he owned a little tract of five acres where he now lives, and his present estate consists of eighty-seven acres of rich and fertile land.

Mr. Barnhart is a representative of one of the oldest families of Sullivan county. His father, Chauncey C. Barnhart, who was born in Pennsylvania January 29, 1824, came with his mother, his father having previously died, to this county during his early manhood, and they bought forty acres of land in Jackson township, but in 1874 they sold that land and went to Champaign county, Illinois, where they farmed on rented land until Mr. Barnhart was too old to carry on active work for himself. He then bought property in Tolono, where he yet resides. His mother, Lydia Barnhart, lived to the age of ninety-three years. Harrison Barnhart is the only child by his father's second marriage, he having been four times married, and his second wife bore the maiden name of Charlotte Halberstadt. She was born in Jackson township about 1834, and died when her only son and child was a babe of fourteen months. She was a daughter of Harrison and Elizabeth (Manwarring) Halberstadt, who were farming people.

After the death of his mother Harrison Barnhart lived with his maternal grandparents until he was twenty-three years of age, when he was married to Hannah Peterson, who was born in Curry township, Sullivan county, March 27, 1863, a daughter of John and Deliah Peterson, the former of whom is now deceased and the latter is living in Jackson township. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart have become the parents of five children: Lillian, who was born July 10, 1882, is the wife of Lou McCrocklin and lives in Curry township; Flora, born October 29, 1883, has completed the course in the public schools; Arthur, born May 20, 1884, is working with his father; Edna, born April 10, 1899, is in school; and Odetta, born October 29, 1904. Mr. Barnhart is a Republican in his political affiliations. Mrs. Barnhart is a member of the Methodist church.

GEORGE GORDON, many years of whose life were spent in Sullivan county and who has but lately passed to his final reward, was born in Pennsylvania July 26, 1821, a son of James Gordon. George Gordon learned blacksmithing in his early life, and coming to Indiana about 1857 he located in Clay county and followed his trade until feeble health caused him to abandon it and then he farmed in a small way until his busy and useful life was ended, dying on the 4th of August, 1906. His politics were Democratic, and he served his community many years as a constable. His religious affiliations were with the Methodist church.

In October of 1875 Mr. Gordon was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca McCray, and this was his third marriage. The only child of his first union is deceased, and by the second marriage he had the following children: Joseph, whose home is in Clay county; Jane Agnes, now Mrs. Joseph Copeland; James A., of Clay county; Wilfred, Frank and Charles, all deceased; John A., whose home is in Clay county; George Thomas, of Linton, Indiana; and William L., a farmer near Hymers. Mrs. Gordon, his third wife, is a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (McKay)

McCray, who were born in Ireland and emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1834, two years before the birth of their daughter Rebecca. The father farmed in Beaver county, that state, until his death in May, 1864, and some years afterward his family came to Greene county, Indiana, and bought the farm on which the widow spent the remainder of her life, dying about 1873. Mrs. Gordon is now living in Sullivan county.

William Gordon married, on the 13th of September, 1900, Nina Badders, who was born in Jackson township on the 12th of October, 1872, a daughter of Samuel F. and Mary (Snowden) Badders, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and of Ireland. They are now living in Jackson township, Sullivan county, where the father during his active business life conducted his farm of nearly four hundred acres. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have four children,—Ralph, Gladys, Walter and Claud. Mr. Gordon has fraternal relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was formerly a miner, but during the past few years has carried on the work of the eighty acre farm on which the family now reside, although he expects soon to return to his former occupation of mining.

SOLOMON WYMAN, who is farming in Jackson township, was born in Owen county, this state, March 20, 1857, the fifth of the seven children born to Jacob and Sarah (Saddler) Wyman, natives respectively of Germany and of Tuscarawas county, Ohio. The mother is still living, her home being near Sullivan, and she has now reached the advanced age of eighty-four years, her birth occurring in 1824. Jacob Wyman, who was born in 1821, was twenty-one years of age when he came to the United States, and after working in a carriage factory in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for two or three years, he went to Ohio and followed the same trade there. He was married and lived there until about 1854, when he came to Owen county, and three years later to Sullivan county, where he bought a farm where Jackson Hill is now located. He built a shop on his farm and continued the manufacture of wagons and general repair work until 1873, when he sold his shop and went to Hamilton township, still following his trade until about five years before his death, which occurred on the 17th of September, 1905. He was a Lutheran in his religious views, and his wife was a Dunkard.

In his boyhood days Solomon Wyman attended school in the old log houses then in use in Jackson and Hamilton townships, and he began farming for himself when twenty years of age, remaining on his father's farm for five years, after which he married and moved to another part of the home estate, until finally in 1884 he came to his present homestead, which has been the birthplace of all of his children. He owns eighty acres of land, where he expects to return in the near future, for he has been living for a short time at Jackson Hill. He is a miner as well as a farmer and stock raiser, mining during the winter months when not busy on his farm. He is a member of the United Mine Workers of America,

and is a Democrat politically. During four years he served as the assessor of Hamilton township, having been elected to the office in 1882. His religious views are in harmony with the teachings of the Missionary Baptist church, and his wife is a member of that denomination.

On the 21st of July, 1883, Mr. Wyman was married to Miss Mary L. Wright, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, April 16, 1862, a daughter of William and Mary (Gordon) Wright, who came from their native state of Ohio to Coles county, Illinois, and thence four years later in 1869 to Sullivan county, Indiana, and located on Farmers prairie in Hamilton township. After a residence there of twenty years they moved to Posey county in this state, where the father died two years later, and the mother now resides with a daughter in East St. Louis, Illinois, aged seventy-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Wyman have had seven children, but the first born died in infancy; Pearl is the wife of Oscar Keen, of Jackson township, and their three children are Paul, Harold and Lester; and William R., Bertha, Clarence, Leota, Mary and Ruby, who are at home with their parents.

JOHN TENNIS.—The life work of John Tennis was crowned with a well merited degree of success, and in Sullivan county, where he so long lived and labored, he endeared himself to many friends, and his memory is cherished by those who knew him. Born in northern Pennsylvania on the 28th of April, 1842, he was a son of John J. and Nancy Ann (Rose) Tennis, who were also from that state and were married there. Coming to Sullivan county in their early life they located on a densely wooded farm in Jackson township, buying canal land, and here the father toiled early and late until his death about 1876 to bring his farm under cultivation. After a few years the mother sold the farm, and thereafter made her home with her children until her death in 1893.

John Tennis, their son, attended the Badder school in Jackson township in his boyhood, and when he had attained the age of seventeen he began working as a farm hand in Jackson township, but after his marriage, at the age of twenty-one, he lived on his father-in-law's farm until his death, December 17, 1899. Some years before his demise her father had deeded this farm to Mrs. Tennis, and since her husband's death she has carried forward the work of the old homestead with the aid of her sons, and is one of the brave and honored pioneer women of the county.

Mrs. Tennis bore the maiden name of Diana Worth, and was married on the 11th of October, 1863. Her parents, James and Elizabeth (Ronig) Worth, were born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, but in 1858 they came to Sullivan county, Indiana, and located on a farm in Cass township, where their deaths subsequently occurred. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tennis, namely: James William, deceased; Charles Martin, who is a farmer in South Dakota; Mary Elizabeth, deceased; Jacob Henry, who resides with his mother and has charge of the home farm; John Harrison, a farmer in Greene county; Martha Ann, wife of W. O.

Mattox, a miner in Jackson township; Ida Jane, wife of John J. Brewer, who is farming in northwestern Canada; Alfred Alonzo, who is also with his mother; and Roscoe Scott, who is with his sister, Mrs. Mattox. The oldest son of the family is a member of the fraternal order of Woodmen, while the youngest is a member of the Miners' Union. Mr. Tennis, the father, voted with the Democracy, and he was a true and earnest adherent of the Methodist church.

ANDREW JACKSON STEELE is a man who can lay many claims to prominence in Sullivan county. He is a member of one of its oldest and most prominent pioneer families, and to him and his brother-in-law, William A. Lambright, is given the credit of the discovery of coal in this vicinity, which has added much to the wealth of the county. In lieu of this discovery they were given the option on several hundred acres of land, but much time elapsed before a road could be built to the land.

During many years Mr. Steele has been engaged in general farming and stock raising in Jackson township. When he reached the age of twenty-two he left his parents' home and rented land in Ohio until he came to Indiana, where during a couple of winters he was engaged in coal mining and also did contract work for a company engaged in bridge and road building. After coming to Sullivan county he bought twenty-five acres, the nucleus of his present estate, which contains one hundred and twenty acres, and in addition his wife also owns a small farm near by. He is a shareholder in the Hymera State Bank at Hymera. In 1896 he was a candidate for the office of representative to the state legislature, and throughout the years of his maturity he has been prominent in public affairs, voting independently. He is a member of the United Mine Workers, and was a Knight of Labor.

The Steele family came originally from Scotland, which was the birthplace of James Steele, the great-grandfather of Andrew J., and he was a younger brother of Lord Steele of that country. During the colonial period he came to America and located in Virginia. His son Basil, the grandfather of Andrew, was born in North Carolina June 26, 1775, but from there moved to Virginia and later to Ohio, where he died on July 3, 1857. His wife, nee Rachael Sparling, was born June 30, 1777, in Virginia, and her death occurred in Ohio December 30, 1874, aged ninety-seven years and six months. Among their children was David Steele, who was a farmer and stock raiser throughout his entire business career, and his death occurred in 1900, surviving his wife, Elizabeth Vermilion, for some years.

Andrew J. Steele, a son of David and Elizabeth (Vermilion) Steele, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, September 1, 1847, and received his education in district school No. 4 of Washington township, that county. On the 13th of November, 1869, he was united in marriage to Eliza Jane Lambright, a daughter of Henry and Mary Jane (Shivers) Lambright,

both of whom were born in Ohio, near Urichville. The paternal family were early resident there, and the old home farm which belonged to her grandfather is still in the Lambright name and the heirs are endeavoring to hand the estate from one generation to another. Her parents came to Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1883, locating in Cass township, where both spent the remainder of their lives. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Steele, namely: Ernest O., who is married and resides on a farm near Hymera; Claudius Wilbert, at home; Nina Florence, the wife of Harry Badder, of Arkansas; Mary Elizabeth, deceased; Joseph Victor, of Illinois; Henry David, deceased; Oliver, at home; Ella Frances, the wife of Porter Campbell, of Jasonville; and Lutie May and Ona Eva, both at home. Mr. Steele is independent in his political affiliations. Mr. and Mrs. Steele have in their possession two of the old parchment deeds—one executed under the hand and seal of President John Tyler and bears the date of Aug. 1, 1844, and the other by President Martin Van Buren and dated Aug. 1, 1839. These deeds are valuable souvenirs in old Sullivan county.

NATHAN J. SILLS.—Among the business men of prominence in Jackson township is numbered Nathan J. Sills, who follows both farming and mining. He is also numbered among the native sons of Jackson township, born on the 26th of February, 1864, to David and Elizabeth (Bogard) Sills, both of whom claimed Kentucky as the commonwealth of their nativity. They came with their parents in an early day to Indiana, the Bogards locating in Vigo county and the Sills in Jackson township, Sullivan county. After attaining to mature years David Sills began farming for himself, and continued in the occupation until stricken with paralysis in about 1874, his death occurring four years later in 1878. The last four years of his life were spent on the farm on which his son Nathan now lives. His widow is now residing near Lewis in this township, having reached the advanced age of eighty-six years.

The educational training of Nathan J. Sills was received in school No. 1 of Jackson township, and when but fifteen years of age he was obliged to begin the battle of life for himself, for his father was an invalid and much of the support of the family fell upon his young shoulders. He remained at home until he was twenty-one, after which he rented a farm in Clay county for one season, and then returning to the home farm worked in the mine as well as superintending the work of the farm. In 1892 he bought thirty-seven and a half acres of the old home place, to which he later added twenty acres adjoining, and he still continues to work in the mine and look after his farming interests.

On the 26th of March, 1885, Mr. Sills was united in marriage to Miss Ella Willie, who was born in Owen county, Indiana, June 20, 1864, a daughter of John E. and Magdalena Everhart Willie, the father a native of Germany and the mother of Switzerland, and both are now deceased. They came to Sullivan county, Indiana, about 1868, where the

father's death occurred in 1900 and the mother's many years previously, in 1887. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sills, namely: Winnie Myrtle, the wife of Frank Fulfard, a miner at Bicknell, Knox county, and they have two children, Alsie Lucile and Carl Francis; George Francis, who is with his parents; Flora Ethel, the wife of Harry Keenan, a miner and electrician at Jackson Hill; and Ernest Burton, deceased. Oscar Willie, a son of Mrs. Sills by a former marriage, also resides in this home. Mr. Sills is a member of the United Mine Workers of America, and both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

JAMES B. GASKILL, who is farming in Jackson township, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, June 1, 1841, a son of Andrew and Susanna (Lacey) Gaskill, natives respectively of England and of Carroll county, Ohio. The father came to America about 1836, first locating in New Comerstown, Ohio, where he taught school for several years, and was there married in 1839. After a residence there of fourteen years he sold his possessions intending to come to Indiana, having a public sale for his stock, etc., but on the evening of that day, which was a rainy one, he became suddenly ill and died nine days later. His widow remained on the place for one year longer, and then joining a party of emigrants bound for Indiana made the overland journey to this state, first stopping in Greene county. She was accompanied on the trip by her six children, of whom James B. was the eldest, and in Greene county she bought a farm for twelve hundred dollars and a team and wagon, which left her a surplus in money of only one hundred dollars. But thirty days after the purchase she was informed that the place was mortgaged for five hundred dollars, and to add to the misfortune one of her horses and a cow died. She was compelled to leave the place in 1856, and coming to Sullivan rented a house and worked for others in order to support her family. After one year she moved to the O. M. Patton place in Jackson township, which continued as her home until 1861.

About this time James B. Gaskill went to work for Samuel Badders and took his mother with him, receiving twenty cents a day in wages, and he remained there for seven years. During the following year he farmed rented land in Cass township, and as he then married, his mother moved to the Miller place in the same township, but six years after Mr. Gaskill's marriage his wife died and his mother then returned and was with him for three years. For several years thereafter his home was at Jackson Hill, and there his mother died about 1888.

Mr. Gaskill has been four times married, wedding first Polly Ann Hart, by whom he had three children: Alice, the deceased wife of Tom Murratta; Etta, deceased, became the wife of James Johnson, of Jackson township; and John, also deceased, was an engineer at the mines. He married secondly Margaret Stanley, who died eleven months later, leaving one son, Edward M., who is married and resides on a farm adjoining

his father's home. Mary Jane Neal, a widow, became his third wife, and they had nine children, namely: William, of Jackson township; Sylvia, the wife of Galen Burritt, a carpenter at Gilmore; Elmer, deceased; Flora and Stella, both at home; Delphia, Charley and Oscar, all deceased; and Eva, at home. In 1899 Mr. Gaskill wedded Martha Setty, a widow, and their two children are Gladys and Madge, but the younger is deceased. Gladys resides with her mother at Gilmore.

Mr. Gaskill owns a valuable estate of two hundred and sixty acres in Jackson township, where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of the raising of Southdown and Shropshire sheep and of mules. His farm is richly underlaid with coal. He is a member of the order of Odd Fellows, lodge No. 603, at Hymera.

SAMUEL R. COLE, one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of Jackson township, was born in Bloomfield, Indiana, August 23, 1845, a son of John and Rachael (Bradford) Cole, natives respectively of Kentucky and Virginia. John Cole came with his parents to Indiana in the early twenties and located near Bloomington, and his mother died there, her husband surviving her until about 1858 and dying at the home of his son. In an early day John Cole located in Bloomfield, Indiana, and for many years he served as a deputy in the court house there. In 1858 he joined a party from Indiana bound for the gold fields of California, and spent about two years in that state and in the overland journeys there and back, and on his return to Bloomfield he engaged in farming.

In November of 1861 John Cole and his son Samuel enlisted in Company D, Fifty-ninth Regiment of Indiana Infantry, for service in the Civil war, and the father served about eight months, while the son continued as a soldier for three years and seven months, both participating in the battles of Island No. 10, Benton and Corinth, while the son continued on through the battles of Vicksburg, Chattanooga, and Atlanta, serving on the Mississippi most of the time until they moved on to Atlanta. The father was for a time confined in the general hospital at Corinth, and was discharged early in 1862. The son was mustered out at Indianapolis at the close of the war.

After his return from the war John Cole continued farming until 1868, and going then to Nebraska spent the following year in that state, while after his return to Indiana he embarked in the mercantile business at Lyons, remaining there until his death on the 1st of May, 1870. His wife died in about 1879 in Jackson township.

Samuel R. Cole was a young man of twenty when he returned from the war, and from that time until 1873 he farmed on rented land in Greene county. In that year he came to Sullivan county and rented a farm in Jackson township, and about 1879 he added thirty-four acres to the forty acres which belonged to his wife and where they now reside, but he has since sold a part of this tract until the farm now contains but

sixty-nine acres. He follows general farming and stock raising, and has been very successful in his operations.

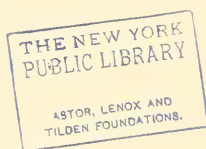
In November of 1860 Mr. Cole married Mary Harrah, who was also born in Bloomfield, a daughter of James and Kissie Harrah, both now deceased, as is also the daughter, who was born in 1845 and died in February, 1873. On the 17th of June, 1875, Mr. Cole wedded Teresa Snowden, who was born in Ireland January 27, 1841, a daughter of Orr and Nancy (Martin) Snowden, who came to the United States in 1841 and located in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The father preceded the family to this country a short time and engaged in general work, and later he became a miner. In 1853 he came to Sullivan county, Indiana, and bought canal land in Jackson township, where he died in 1879, a week after the death of Mr. Cole's mother. His wife died on the 26th of January, 1889. Mr. Cole gives his political support to the Republican party, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Grand Army of the Republic. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church at Jackson Hill, and he is one of its elders.

CHARLES C. SCHLICHTER, a general farmer, residing in Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, is numbered among the citizens who are making good progress in the pursuit of agriculture within this section of the state. He is a native of Dresden, Muskingum county, Ohio, born December 25, 1839, a son of Jacob F. and Susan (Miller) Schlichter, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was born in 1807 and came to America in 1826. He lived in New York a short time, being employed in a paint and soap factory, where he was seriously injured by falling into a paint vat. He was united in marriage in New York and moved to Dresden, Ohio, where he purchased a farm on the Muskingum river and there resided until 1841. He then bought a farm in Pike county, where he lived about twelve years, and then removed to Perry county, remaining but a short time, when he retraced his steps to Pike county, where he bought the farm on which he died about 1855, his wife having passed away in 1841. The grandfather of Charles G. was mayor of the city in which he lived in Germany for many years. At one time he sent his son, Jacob F., five thousand dollars in gold as a gift. From the foregoing and other information it appears that the Schlichter family were from among the better classes of the great German empire.

Though he had only about three months' actual schooling, Charles C. Schlichter, who is now sixty-nine years of age, by persistent study, has become a well informed man. The greater part of his study was while serving in the army. When seventeen years of age he was bound to a farmer in Ohio and remained with him until about twenty years of age, when he went to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he was employed at a hundred and fifty dollars a year, working in a nursery most of the time. A part of his time he assisted his employer in a shoe store. Mr. Schlichter remained here until the Civil war broke out, when he enlisted as a member



FAMILY GROUP OF CHARLES C. SCHLICHTER



of Company C, Fifty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving four years, five months and twenty-five days. He enlisted November 16, 1861, and was discharged February 1, 1864. He then re-enlisted in the same regiment, January 1, 1865, and was honorably discharged April 25, 1866. During his exceedingly long service in the army of his country, he participated in ten battles and was wounded in his right hand and also in the right shin. He acted as commissary sergeant a year and a half, but was not promoted. He was engaged in the following battles: Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, April 6 and 7, 1862; Siege of Corinth, Mississippi, May, 1862; in 1863 at Port Gibson, May 1, Champion Hills, May 16, Siege of Vicksburg, June and July, Jackson, July 12 to 15, all in Mississippi, and Carrion Crow Bayou, Louisiana, November 23; during 1864, at Sabine Cross Roads, April 8, Monett's Ferry, April 23, and Snaggs' Point, May 5, these three battles being in Louisiana.

After his return from the war he went back to Portsmouth, Ohio, and was employed in a rolling-mill about one year, after which he went to Des Moines, Iowa, and on to Dallas county of the same state, and there had charge of a farm belonging to a doctor, a resident of Des Moines. This place contained an even thousand acres of land, and here he remained for two years; then returned to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he was employed with a large coal company for the next two years. The succeeding year he was in a rolling-mill, which business failed on account of a panic in money matters. Mr. Schlichter then purchased a dairy, which he operated five years, having two hundred and seventy-two customers. His health failing, he bought a farm of one hundred and forty acres, situated seven miles distant, and there he remained for eleven years. He traded this place for four houses in Portsmouth, but later disposed of all his property in Ohio, and came to Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, his present home. His daughter had already come here two years before. He settled here at the time of the McKinley flood. Mr. Schlichter purchased one hundred and ten acres of land, upon which he resided until recently, when he sold his place for \$8,175 and now lives retired. When he came to this section he bought good corn at fifteen cents a bushel. He did general farming and raised some swine, his large experience peculiarly fitting him for intelligent work as an agriculturist of the up-to-date type.

It is not the lot of all men, indeed of few, to escape through so long a term of years without being duped or caused to part with a part of their hard earned money, and Mr. Schlichter did not escape. He engaged in the coal business in Ohio, in partnership with a man named Draper. They had \$2,500 in the bank and about two months later his partner drew the same out and gambled it all away. Politically Mr. Schlichter is an avowed Republican. While a resident of Ohio, he served as trustee for eight years and was also on the school board in that state. At one time he held membership with the Odd Fellows order and held various official positions in his lodge, but has not been connected with the fraternity for several years.

While on a furlough he was happily united in marriage, June 15, 1864, to Mary Elizabeth Hauck, who was born in Meigs county, Ohio, March 25, 1840, a daughter of Charles J. and Mary A. (Holstetter) Hauck. The father was a native of Germany, as was the mother, who was born March 15, 1810; Charles Hauck was born about the same time as his wife and he came to America in 1831, going to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he mastered the trade of shoemaking, serving three years. He married and remained there five years, and then moved to Chester, Ohio, where he followed his trade and purchased a small farm. There he made his home for many years, but later removed to a farm of one hundred and eighty acres, which he bought within a few miles of Pomeroy. Here he spent the balance of his days, dying in 1877, while his wife survived twelve years longer. Mr. and Mrs. Schlichter are the parents of the following children: Mary Anna, wife of William D. Prose, residing near her parents and the mother of six children; Valentine George, married Almira Andrea and they live on his father's farm and have six children; Caroline Susan, wife of Alexander Prose, who lives near the parents' farm, and they have three children.

LEONARD MARSHALL, an agriculturist of Jackson township, Sullivan county, was born in Washington county, Indiana, December 22, 1832, a son of Ambrose and Cynthia (Roby) Marshall, natives respectively of Kentucky and Washington county, Indiana. The father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and in an early day in its history he came to Indiana and took up his abode in Washington county, where he followed farming and to some extent coopering until his death, both he and his wife dying in that county. Their religious views were in harmony with the principles of the United Brethren church.

When he reached the age of twenty-one years Leonard Marshall left his boyhood's home and moved to a farm which he purchased in Washington county, residing there until about 1868. He had previously bought eighty acres of land where he now lives, buying it about 1860, and in 1872 he located thereon, but at that time the tract was covered with timber. He cleared the land and added to its boundaries until he now has about one hundred and forty acres, all in one body but lying in three townships, Cass, Hamilton and Jackson, and he also owns the coal which underlies this tract.

Mr. Marshall married, April 1, 1853, Lucy Jane Montgomery, who was born in Virginia on the 25th of July, 1835, but when she was but eight years of age her parents moved from that state to Missouri, crossing the Mississippi river on foot on the ice. After a residence of eight months in Missouri the father died, and the mother with her family then moved to Washington county, Indiana. Her family consisted of nine children, two sons then living in Washington county, and she resided with one of these sons a short time, but her residence in that county covered a period

of ten years. She died at the home of Mr. Marshall in 1866. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, namely: William Franklin, a farmer near Chappel Church in Cass township; Henry A., deceased; John W., who has charge of the home farm and resides with his parents; and George D., who resides in Cass township and is farming a part of his father's farm. Mr. Marshall is a Democrat in politics, and fraternally is a member of the Masonic order.

ALBERT J. ZINK, one of the leading business men and farmers of Hymera, was born and has spent his entire life in Sullivan, his birth occurring in Jackson township on the 27th of October, 1855, a son of Michael and Clarissa (Hubanks) Zink, natives respectively of Washington county, Indiana, and of Maysville, Kentucky. The father, who was a life-long farmer, came to Jackson township with his father when only thirteen years old, and at the time of his death in 1888 he owned a beautiful estate of two hundred and eighty acres, the accumulation of his own personal efforts and industry. The mother died in the year of 1892.

Albert J. Zink received his educational training in the district schools of Jackson township, and at the age of twenty he began his life work as a renter, renting of his father and also conducting his estate until the latter's death. His first purchase of land was a tract of forty acres in 1882, and by adding to this from time to time he became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres, but in 1908 he sold this farm to the coal company and a short time afterward bought eighty acres which he now conducts. He also owns a fine business block in the town of Hymera, and is connected with the leading general store and meat market there, in which they carry a seven thousand dollar stock. Some years ago Mr. Zink made a specialty of the raising of wheat, and is now also quite extensively engaged in small farming and hay growing, which he uses as feed for his horses. His interests are extensive and varied, and his efforts are being substantially rewarded.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Zink occurred in March of 1876, and she bore the maiden name of Mary B. Hughes and was born in Virginia, as also her parents, Henry M. and Harriett (Thayer) Hughes. They came to Sullivan county during the war and located near Shelburn, where he followed blacksmithing for many years, but later bought and operated a farm for a few years, and then selling his land here returned to Virginia. But in a few years he came again to Sullivan county, where he died at Hymera in 1898 and the mother one year later. The daughter received her education in the schools of Shelburn. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Zink, namely: Clara, the wife of J. J. Branson, of Hymera; Blanch, deceased; Maud, the wife of J. L. Pipher, also of Hymera; and Herbert, Herschel, Cora Castella and Gladys, at home. Mr. Zink is a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the Methodist church.

SINGLETON MARSHALL has spent many years of his long and useful career in Sullivan county, prominently identified with its business interests. He was born in Washington county, Indiana, June 1, 1828, a son of Ambrose and Cynthia (Robie) Marshall. The mother was reared from a mere child near Albany, Indiana, and she was of Scotch-Irish descent. Ambrose Marshall, a native of Kentucky, was of English descent, and came with his parents to Indiana when about ten years of age, the family locating in Washington county, where his father was a blacksmith and an exceptionally fine workman in his line. Ambrose Marshall followed farming all his life, and both he and his father died in Washington county.

Singleton Marshall continued to reside with his parents until he was twenty-one, and during the following three years worked for his father. After his marriage he bought a farm in Washington county, but after six years sold the land and then rented land for three years. Purchasing then one hundred and sixty acres near where he now lives, he lived there until about 1890, when he went west in search of a better location, but finding nothing which surpassed the land of this section of Indiana he returned and lived on a rented farm for a short time. He then purchased a tract of land near Hymera, but afterward on account of ill health he went to Arkansas and bought two hundred and forty-seven acres in that state, two hundred acres of which he yet owns. He spent the winters there for several years, and he now makes his home with a daughter-in-law in Jackson township.

In August, 1850, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage to Mary Ann Allen, whose parents were farming people in Washington county, Indiana, and both are now deceased, the mother, Christena (Lee) Allen, dying in 1883. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, namely: Robert Cornelius, deceased; Martha Carolina, also deceased; Alfred Franklin, a physician of Jasonville, Indiana; Mary Jane, the wife of William Lucas, of Denver, Colorado; Emma, wife of Douglas Marshall, of Jackson township; Julian, a farmer of Hamilton township; Laura, the wife of John Nead, of Hymera; Onie, wife of Charles Rusher, of Jackson township; Oliver, who was killed by a train at Hymera in 1901; Eva, who died at the age of twenty years; and Edward, also deceased. Mr. Marshall is independent in his political affiliations, and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

FRANCIS MARION DOROTHY.—Among the early day business men of Indiana was numbered Francis M. Dorothy, who during many years of his active life was identified with the mercantile business. He was born in Vigo county, this state, August 24, 1834, a son of Harrison and Lucinda (Sweeney) Dorothy, who were natives of Kentucky and of Irish descent. In his youth the son Francis located in the village of Old York in Clark county, Illinois, where he worked as a mechanic until 1852, and for some time afterward was a mercantile salesman there. In the fall of 1881 he

enlisted as a Civil war soldier, becoming a member of Company F, Fifth Illinois Cavalry, entering the ranks as a lieutenant. He took part in several hard-fought skirmishes, and on one occasion was wounded in the left knee, the ball remaining imbedded in the wound until his death. Returning home after his discharge from the army he was engaged in business in Robison for four years, from that time until the summer of 1879 was identified with the business interests of Bellair, Illinois, and moving thence to Clay City, Indiana, he was a prominent and successful merchant there until his death on the 12th of December, 1888. He was a member of the time honored order of Masons, and an earnest and active Republican.

On the 18th of December, 1871, Mr. Dorothy was united in marriage to Miss Notolean Peters, who was born in Queen Ann county, Maryland, December 30, 1841, a daughter of John Wesley and Martha (Wallace) Peters, of English descent and natives respectively of Maryland and Delaware. They were farming people, and both are now deceased. When their daughter Notolean was fourteen years of age she came to Park county, Illinois, to live with an uncle, who was a miller, and she was a member of his home from 1856 until her marriage. After the death of her husband she continued the business and remained in Clay City until 1896, when she sold the store and came to Hymera to engage in the mercantile business here. She was the proprietor of one of the town's leading mercantile establishments, carrying a stock valued at three thousand dollars, and met with the success she so well merited. Mrs. Dorothy is the mother of four children: Francis Otto, the first born, married Ethel Beckett, by whom he had one child, Hester, and he died on the 30th of September, 1901. Charles is a miner and resides at home, as does also the younger son, Dick, who had charge of the store. May is the wife of Charles Zenor and resides in Hymera. They have two children, Donald and Dorothy.

CHARLES BARNHART.—From the age of twenty-four years to the present time Charles Barnhart has been prominently identified with the business interests of Sullivan county. At that age he started to work for himself, but for some years following this he conducted his father's farm, and then buying out the heirs to the home estate resided thereon until the year of 1887. Selling the land then he bought another farm of ninety-two acres where the village of Hymera now stands, but he has since sold this entire tract in town lots with the exception of one and a half acres. During about six years of this time he was engaged in the furniture business, was also in the livery business for about four years, and during the past twenty-one years he has been the proprietor of a well known and popular hotel. He has thus contributed much to the public life and interests of Hymera and vicinity, and the community numbers him among her foremost business men and citizens.

Mr. Barnhart was born in Owen county, Indiana, February 28, 1851,

and is of German parentage. His father, Henry Barnhart, came to America when about twenty-two years of age and located in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where he was employed on public works for some years and then bought a farm in that county. After a residence there of several years, however, he sold the land and moved to Owen county, Indiana, where he bought a farm and resided there until selling the land in 1885 he came to Jackson township, Sullivan county, buying a farm a half a mile south of Hymera. He resided on this homestead until his death in the year of 1877, when he had reached the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, Margaret, was born near his old home in Germany, and coming to America about the same time they were married in Ohio. The wife died about ten years after the death of her husband, aged seventy-seven years. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart are Bert, a pharmacist, and engaged in the drug business in Indianapolis, and Ralph, who is with his parents and attending school. Mr. Barnhart is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Methodist church, and in politics he upholds the principles of the Democratic party. The original spelling of this name was Barnhardt, but it has since been changed to its present form.

JOHN A. SPEAR.—The life's labors of John A. Spear were ended on the 17th of August, 1899, when death took from Sullivan county one of its truest and best citizens. He was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, April 9, 1835, and starting in life for himself at about the age of eighteen he continued to work for his father for one year, and after his marriage his father deeded him forty acres of land in Owen county, in the Spear settlement. During the period of the Civil war he served as a private in Company A, Fifty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry for three and a half years, and he was in service for six months before being mustered in. During the most of the time of his army service he was a teamster on an ammunition wagon. Previous to entering the army Mr. Spear had sold the land which his father had given him and on which he had farmed for six years; and after returning from the war he bought a tract of eighty acres near Hymera, and there he lived and labored until his busy and useful life was ended.

Mr. Spear was a son of David Spear, who was a native of Virginia, as was also his wife, Jane Vance, and very early in its history he moved to Ohio and enrolled his name among its pioneers. He continued to farm in that state until his removal to Owen county, Indiana, in about 1850, where he bought a farm and resided until his death in about 1890. His wife survived him for eight years, dying in 1898. He was a Republican politically, but never desired the honors of office.

On the 14th of September, 1836, Mr. Spear married Lydia A. Criss, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, near New Lisbon, November 6, 1835, a daughter of Isaac D. and Susana (France) Criss, both of whom were also born in Ohio, the mother in Old Philadelphia and the

father in Carl county. He was a farmer, and coming to Owen county, Indiana, near Spencer, about 1843, he entered a homestead there and continued his residence thereon until his death in 1878. The mother survived until 1890. They were members of the Baptist church, and were highly respected in the community in which they so long resided. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Spear, namely: James Isaac, who died at the age of eight years and four months; Sulesta, the wife of O. H. Gagan of Hymera; Louisa, who married Perry Bear and resides in Knox county, Indiana; David V., a miner and farmer in Hymera; Oliver M., a prospector and miner in Colorao; Anna, the widow of Perry Botts and who resides with her mother; Jennie F., the wife of I. N. Botts, of Hymera; William H., who died at the age of thirty-three years, in 1906; and Levi Hale, who died in infancy.

Mrs. Spear continued to reside on the homestead farm until about two years after the death of her husband, when at the request of her son she moved to the village of Hymera and now resides in one of its most spacious homes. She yet owns the old farm property. Since the age of fourteen years she has been an earnest and consistent member of the Christian church, and her husband was also affiliated with that denomination.

FRANCIS M. NEAD, a member of one of the most prominent of Sullivan county's early families, was born in Jackson township on the 16th of October, 1858, a son of John and Nancy A. (Tipton) Nead and a grandson of George Nead, who died on the 6th of February, 1856, aged about sixty-seven years. His grandparents were natives of Switzerland, but emigrated when young to Pennsylvania and thence to Carroll county, Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their lives and were there buried. George Nead was both a farmer and cooper, and in early life he married Sarah Mizer, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, and died June 13, 1888, aged more than eighty-eight years.

John Nead also claimed Carroll county as the place of his nativity, born November 4, 1830, but three years later his parents moved to Coshocton county, that state, where the senior Mr. Nead became a prominent farmer. In 1854 the son came to Sullivan county, Indiana, and bought eighty acres of land in Jackson township, where he followed general farming until his enlistment, on the 26th of August, 1862, as a private in the Ninety-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Company I, in which he served a little over a year and died on the 31st of August, 1863, from sickness contracted in the army. He was buried with military honors at Camp Sherman, Mississippi, on the Big Black river, but with those of other soldiers his remains were afterward taken to the burial ground of the National Cemetery at Vicksburg, and his grave was marked by a stone bearing the initials of J. N. Mrs. Nead, his wife, was born March 5, 1831, in Coshocton county, Ohio, a daughter of William and Patience S. (Pugh) Tipton, the former of whom was born in Virginia

August 20, 1798, and the latter in Berkeley county, West Virginia, November 18, 1794. Moving to Ohio when a boy William Tipton spent his early youth on the Maumee river, where he was married in 1818, and many years afterward, in 1847, they came to Owen county, Indiana, and farmed there until the death of the husband and father, May 29, 1854. The mother had moved with her parents to Ohio when a young girl, and after the death of her husband, in 1854, she came to Jackson township in Sullivan county, and resided here until her death, March 1, 1868.

Francis M. was the eldest of the three children born to John and Nancy A. Nead, and he was but a little lad of five years at the time of the death of his father. His mother kept him in school until he was about eighteen, attending the graded schools of Hymera, Sullivan and Farmersburg, and for fifteen years after the completion of his education, beginning in 1879, he was engaged in teaching. During that time he had become the owner of the parental homestead, and at about the close of his professional career he was elected the assessor of Jackson township and continued to reside on the farm until October of 1907. Previous to this time he had bought the site for the splendidly equipped home which he built at that time, and he still owns the old farm and about fifteen acres adjoining.

On the 22d of August, 1883, Mr. Nead was married to Adaline Payne, who was born in Jackson township August 22, 1858, a daughter of Hosea and Sarah A. (Asbury) Payne, the father a native of North Carolina, born on the 25th of December, 1815, and his wife was some years his junior. He came with his parents to Lawrence county, this state, about 1830, and from there to Sullivan county, where he bought a farm in Jackson township, married, and continued to reside here until his death in 1900. His wife died four years later, in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Nead have four children: Conza C., born October 6, 1884, married in 1904 Evan G. Moreland and resides on the old homestead in Jackson township; Garland H., born October 30, 1887, taught school some years and is now with her parents; Wendell Holmes, born December 27, 1894, is in school, as is also Mary Esther, born September 13, 1901. Mr. Nead's politics are Democratic, and for five years, from 1895 to 1900, he served as an assessor, and he is now serving his fourth year as a trustee, having been re-elected as the trustee of the township of Jackson November 3, 1908. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Hymera Lodge No. 603, in which he has filled all of the offices and is one of the present trustees, and has also represented the order in the Grand Lodge. This lodge was instituted here on the 6th of October, 1883. He is a prominent and worthy member of the Methodist church.

ROBERT G. JACKSON, who is numbered among the business men of Jackson township and Hymera, was born in Pleasantville, Jefferson township, Sullivan county, March 4, 1869, a son of J. H. and Nancy C. (McClung) Jackson, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of

Indiana. J. H. Jackson came with his parents to Indiana when ten years of age, in 1842, the family locating on a farm in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives. The son has continued his residence on a farm near by the one selected by his parents. During the Civil war he served as a soldier in an Indiana regiment, but in a short time after enlisting he was wounded and crippled in a railroad wreck and was discharged from the service. Mrs. Jackson, his wife, was born in 1848.

Robert G. Jackson remained on the home farm with his father until the age of twenty-one, when he purchased land in Jefferson township, but after one year there he sold that land and bought another farm. There he resided for ten years, and then selling that farm he bought another in Jackson township, which he yet owns in connection with a tract of forty acres four miles north of Hymera. He also has valuable property interests in Hymera, and during the past seven years he has been engaged in plastering there.

On the 4th of December, 1891, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Minnie V. Steele, a daughter of Samuel and Anna J. (Murdock) Steele, the mother a native of Ireland and the father of Dearborn county, Indiana. During many years he was a blacksmith in Sullivan, and he died in the year of 1874. His widow was a resident of Youngstown, this state, and died on March 11, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have four children,—Lonie L., Vannessa L., Vida B. and Lowell G. Mr. Jackson is a member of the Masonic order at Hymera, is a Republican politically, and both his and his wife's religious affiliations are with the Methodist church.

THOMAS W. HAMILTON.—During a period of twenty years Thomas W. Hamilton has resided on his present estate in Jackson township, prominently identified with its agricultural and stock raising interests. His farm contains sixty acres of rich and fertile land, and he is extensively engaged in the breeding of Hereford cattle, and some years ago he sold an animal which was the pride of the stockmen of the vicinity, it weighing twenty-four hundred and eighty-seven pounds. During two years Mr. Hamilton served as the assessor of the township, elected by the Republican party, and he proved an efficient officer.

Mr. Hamilton is one of a large family of children born to William Hamilton, his natal day being the 11th of June, 1845, and his father was a native of Kentucky, but came to Indiana during an early epoch in its history, and both he and his wife have long since passed away. Their children were: Mary Jane, the deceased wife of Benjamin Maratta, of Sullivan; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of M. H. Plew, also of Sullivan; Nancy Jane, who has been blind from infancy, and she resides with a brother James in Jackson township; James, also of this township; and William, who has not been heard from for ten years, and he was then in New Mexico.

In 1875 Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage to Sarah E. Gillmore, and they have four children,—Orin, Bert, Leland and Caroline, aged respectively twenty-nine, twenty-seven, twenty-one and seventeen years. Mr. Hamilton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

KENNETH W. SELF, who has been an industrious tiller of the soil of Sullivan county since 1869, is a native of Montgomery county, Kentucky, born December 21, 1823, a son of Presley and Helen (Wilson) Self. The father was born July 7, 1787, and died in August, 1864, in Coles county, Illinois, and was buried at Greensburg, Indiana. He was a native of Culpeper county, Virginia. Kenneth W. Self's mother was born in Greensborough county, West Virginia, August 11, 1787, and died in Greensburg.

Presley Self was the son of John and Milly (Harden) Self, both natives of Virginia. They emigrated from there to Kentucky and were among the pioneer settlers of that region. Helen (Wilson) Self was the daughter of Newton Wilson, a native of Scotland who came to this country after his marriage and served in the Revolution in the cause of American independence. By trade he was a weaver, and first located in Virginia, but later moved to Kentucky, where he spent the remainder of his days. The subject's grandfather Self was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was captured at Dudley's defeat, and was never afterward heard of. Presley, the father Kenneth W. Self, was married about 1809 in Kentucky, and resided there until 1824, and then moved to Decatur county, Indiana. He retained his land, however, in Kentucky until about 1855, when he sold and retired from farming, which had been his calling and in which he was very successful. Up to 1840 he was a Jacksonian Democrat, but after that date voted with the Whig party, later espousing the cause advocated by the Republicans, and his last vote was cast for President Lincoln. He was a member of the Christian church, a devoted Christian in word and deed. He was the father of six children: John, born in 1810, was killed by a horse in 1836, in Indianapolis; Joseph, born about 1811, died in 1844; Ruth, born about 1813, died in 1844; Harden, born in 1817, died in 1892; Randolph, born in 1819, died in 1862; and Kenneth W.

Kenneth W. was educated at the old fashioned subscription schools and at a select school for a short time. When seventeen years of age he taught school fifteen months, after which he attended college at what is now the State University. He then resumed teaching school and followed that profession until 1850. During that year he was married in Decatur county, Indiana, and taught school and farmed there until 1863, then moved to Coles county, Illinois, where he continued teaching and farming until 1869, when he went to Jackson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, where he now resides. After coming to this county he also taught school up to 1885. When he first settled in Sullivan county he purchased

eighty acres of land, and added thereto until he owned a finely improved farm of one hundred acres, but sold a portion of the tract he had at one time to his son, this leaving him sixty acres. Mr. Self was married July 19, 1850, to a Miss Wood, who was born in 1825, in Mason City, Kentucky, and she died in 1900, on December 28th. She was the daughter of Genoa and Comfort Wood, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. By this union were born seven children as follows: Viola (Stock), born 1852 and now residing in Lewis, Indiana; Samuel O., born June 11, 1855, resides in Sullivan; Laura (Brown), born June 22, 1858, resides in Youngstown, Ohio; Joseph L., born December 19, 1860, resides in Farmersburg; Presley M., born February 27, 1863, resides in Farmersburg; William L., born September 17, 1865, is now at home on the old homestead, and Claborn O., born September 15, 1871, resides in Terre Haute.

In his political choice Mr. Self is a pronounced Republican, formerly being a member of the old-line Whig party, which was merged into the new party in 1856. He has served as a justice of the peace in Decatur county for a period of four years. He is of the Presbyterian church faith and a member of that denomination.

SIMPSON EDWARDS, a prominent farmer and stock raiser, whose methods have brought success to his efforts, is a tiller of the fertile soil of Gill township. He was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, June 30, 1852, son of Henderson and Cynthia (Cox) Edwards. The father was born in the same county, as was the mother, the former in 1820, and the latter in 1831. Henderson Edwards was a farmer throughout his entire lifetime. When about twenty-one years of age he entered land in the Vincennes district, which he cleared up and used for agricultural purposes. Here he resided and labored until 1885, then sold out and purchased the farm where his son now lives, at first purchasing eighty acres. His wife died in 1901 and he now resides with his son Simpson. The children born to Henderson and Cynthia (Cox) Edwards were five in number, as follows: Simpson, of whom further mention is made; Geneal Edwards, deceased; Clementine, deceased; Jane, wife of William Cox, of Haddon township; Margaret, wife of A. W. Engle of Gill township.

Like many a youth of his times, Simpson Edwards had but a limited opportunity for gaining an education. He attended the common schools of Lawrence county, and one term at the high school of Mitchell. At the age of seventeen years, he commenced working for others, continuing four years. He then purchased a farm in Lawrence county, which he owned two years, but to which he never moved. After he sold this he continued to reside with his father, and managed his place for him. He next bought land in Sullivan county. This was an eighty acre tract, which was purchased in 1885. Subsequently, he added another "eighty," which with an acre piece more recently bought makes him the present

owner of one hundred and sixty-one acres of land, where he carries on general farming and makes a specialty of stock-raising. Besides raising many hogs and cattle, he also deals in this variety of stock to quite an extent. His farm has been well improved by his systematic methods and today is one of much beauty and great value, as compared to the date which he purchased the several tracts composing the whole.

Mr. Edwards, being of a progressive turn of mind, has identified himself with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to both blue lodge and Eastern Star degrees. In his church relations, he is a communicant of the Baptist church. Politically, Mr. Edwards believes in the general principles advocated by the Republican party. He has never sought public favor in way of local office, but has served as supervisor and held minor township offices.

He was married in October, 1894, to Mary E. Price, born near Terre Haute, the daughter of John W. Price, a prominent farmer of Vigo county. Mrs. Edwards' parents are now both deceased.

WALTER P. SPARKS, the efficient and truly obliging postmaster at Merom, Sullivan county, was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, March 29, 1842, son of Thomas and Jennie (Harwood) Sparks. Thomas Sparks was born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, and his wife in Ohio. Thomas came to Sullivan county at a very early day and purchased a farm upon which he continued to reside until his death, his wife dying before he passed away.

Walter P. Sparks was left an orphan at the tender age of seven years. He attended the Montgomery county public schools, thus gaining a fair common school education. He worked here and there for various persons, up to the time he was sixteen years of age, when he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade in his native county, and followed this for his livelihood until about the date of the Harrison Presidential election, when he was appointed mail messenger from Merom to Merom Station, which position he filled until the end of a five year period. He was then appointed postmaster at Merom and is the present incumbent, having held the office continuously ever since, except four years during Cleveland's administration. Mr. Sparks by prudence has been able to accumulate considerable property, including two dwellings in Merom, as well as six choice town lots.

He was among the men who braved the exposure and dangers of camp and field, during the Civil war period in this country. He enlisted in the month of September, 1861—first year of the war—as a member of Company B, Tenth Indiana Regiment, under Colonel Manson, and served three years, being mustered out of service September 18, 1864, at Indianapolis. He was in the battles of Mills Springs (Kentucky), Shiloh, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain and Atlanta. His only wound was a bruise caused by a spent ball which

shattered the stock of his gun. He was also at Perryville, in which engagement his company lost eight men.

Politically, Mr. Sparks is a firm defender of Republican principles. Aside from being postmaster, he has held the office of member of the school board and other minor positions. In church relations, he is of the Methodist Episcopal creed. He is an honored member of the Masonic fraternity and stands for all that is good and true in the county and state in which he resides.

He was united in marriage, first in 1864, to Martha J. Lisman, born at Merom, Indiana, in 1847, daughter of David Lisman, an early settler who located near Carlisle, now deceased. To this union, two children were born: David L., born December 12, 1866, residing at Robinson, Illinois, a tailor by trade, and Thomas, born January 8, 1868, now living near Merom on a farm. Mrs. Sparks died in 1870. For his second wife, Mr. Sparks married Rebecca I. Curl, a native of Ohio, born March 13, 1858, daughter of David Curl and wife. The father, a farmer, moved from Ohio to Illinois in 1865 and settled on a farm east from Palestine, where they resided many years, but subsequently removed to Texas, where a son was living. There the father died about 1898, the mother having died several years before. By Mr. Sparks' second marriage the issue is: Helen May, married Dr. Boone, and died in September, 1904, leaving an only child, Helen, aged three years; Clara, wife of Elmer Pinkston, a hotel keeper and farmer of Merom; Guy, married Ora Ellis, and resides in Merom, where he is engaged in painting and paper-hanging; Lula, wife of Walter Mahan, a painter and paper-hanger, residing at Merom.

JOHN EMERY BREWER, well known in Sullivan county both as a successful business man and farmer, was born at Graysville, Indiana, January 12, 1854, a son of Samuel S. and Cynthia Ann (Dodd) Brewer. The father was also born near Graysville on a farm April 20, 1830. He was the son of John Brewer, Sr., a native of Mercer county, Kentucky, born in 1796, and who moved with his parents to Butler county, Ohio, when eleven years of age. When he was twenty-four years old, he walked from that county to Sullivan county, Indiana, carrying with him an ax, which was his only article of defense. He entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, the same now being owned by the Davis heirs, in Turman township. When cutting down his first tree, which was a very large one, he discovered a she bear and cubs. As the tree fell, the dogs entertained the bear, which animal would have killed the dogs, had he not rushed to their rescue and killed her. After having cleared up four acres, he erected a small cabin and remained there in the wild forest land about one year, then returned to Ohio and brought his wife and one child back to Sullivan county. The child mentioned was James Brewer, who later settled in Fairbanks township, one mile north of Fairbanks, where he lived and died, having amassed a goodly fortune.

John Brewer, Sr., reared a family of nineteen children, twelve of whom reached maturity, and all of them took up their abode within Sullivan county and cleared up farms. He possessed about seventeen hundred acres himself, in Turman township, which he gave to his sons and daughters. After disposing of his large land holdings, he engaged in mercantile business with his son, Samuel S. They purchased a stock of goods belonging to Lafayette Stewart, at Graysville, he being the pioneer merchant of that place. This transaction was in 1853, on the first day of June, and the business was conducted until the junior member, Samuel S. Brewer, died, in the month of August, 1860, and the following year the business of the firm was closed up. John, Sr., remained at Graysville for four years, after which he was associated with his son-in-law, Thomas Burton, in the mercantile business, under the firm name of Brewer & Burton, which relationship existed until 1876, when by mutual consent it was dissolved and William Brewer, a son of John Brewer, Sr., took the business and located at Sullivan and engaged in the hardware trade. John Brewer, Sr., died at Graysville in 1880 and was buried at the Mann cemetery. He was the first man to drive a team of horses with check lines within Sullivan county. His son, of this memoir, has in his possession the journal and ledger used by the old firm of Brewer & Son, which has the names of nearly all of the old pioneers of that township. Its pages show it to have been one of the most perfect and neatly kept set of books in the county, not excepting those of the present day business houses.

Cynthia Ann (Dodd) Brewer, the mother of John Emery, was born in August, 1836, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Osborne) Dodd. The Dodd family originally lived in Kentucky, the father of John being commonly called Dickey Dodd, and he was the first sheriff of Sullivan county, Indiana. Elizabeth Osborne was the daughter of Isaiah Osborne, also a pioneer of Kentucky, who settled in Sullivan county, when all was yet a wilderness.

John Emery Brewer attended the schools at Ascension Seminary, under the tutorship of Major Crawford, whose sketch appears elsewhere within this work. Mr. Brewer entered that excellent educational institution without much preparation at the age of eighteen years. He was a well posted farmer, but knew little else of the great, teeming world, with its various activities, but had an ambition to learn. He attended this seminary also at Sullivan and the Commercial College at Terre Haute, from which he was graduated in 1875. It should be recalled that Mr. Brewer's father died when the son was but six years of age, at a time when a boy most needs the tender watch-care of a father. He was "hired out" by his mother to one Thomas Pogue, with whom he remained for five years, then was employed by various farmers, near Graysville, until he was eighteen years of age, at which time young Brewer decided to obtain a good education, which he did in the manner stated above, beginning with a three years' course under Professor Crawford, whose school was then at Farmersburg. After graduating from the Terre Haute

Business College, he engaged with the firm of Sherman & Davis, as a clerk, at Graysville, Indiana, where he was soon made manager of the business there and continued two years, when the stock was removed to Sullivan. Subsequently, Mr. Brewer engaged in business at Graysville on his own account, continuing until 1881, when he sold to Robert Caruthers. Mr. Brewer then purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, near the village of New Lebanon, where he has since resided. Here he carries on a general farming business and raises stock. He has made decided improvements upon the farm since buying it. This place is known, far and near, as the William Gill place, and the township was named in honor of its former owner. Mr. Brewer is the eldest of a family of three children born to his parents. One brother was Theodore Frelingheisen, born in 1856, and died at the age of twenty-one years; he was also educated at Farmersburg under Major Crawford. This brother was a most thorough scholar and a faithful, hardworking student, whose career was suddenly cut short at the threshold of young manhood, when all looked fair for a successful life's voyage. As a musician, he ranked among the best of his years, and was among the attractive, bright stars which seemed destined to sink prematurely. Mr. Brewer's sister was Flora, born 1860, at Graysville. She married William T. Ingersoll in 1880 and died the year after her marriage, at Graysville. Mr. Brewer's mother remained a widow for eight years, then married J. W. Warner, and now resides with him, one mile north of Graysville. She is seventy-three years old.

In religious faith, Mr. Brewer and also wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, he having united with this denomination in 1864, at Graysville. He has held the office of steward. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party, and was postmaster at Graysville for six years, but aside from that has never aspired or held local positions of honor or trust.

Concerning his domestic relations, it may be said that he was married September 11, 1877, to Jennie Cornelius, a native of Sullivan, born August 10, 1859, daughter of Rev. W. H. and Sarah Ann (Robbins) Cornelius. The father was born at Maysville, Kentucky, April 4, 1810, and the mother was born October 22, 1819, at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. W. H. Cornelius was a ship-carpenter by trade, apprenticed when fourteen years of age, at Louisville, Kentucky. He moved to Cincinnati, where he was united in marriage, and where he engaged in ship-carpentering for a short time. He then went to Louisville, and there engaged at the same work until he entered the Indiana Methodist Conference in 1841. He was a regular traveling minister until his death, July 31, 1882, at Linton, Indiana, where he was buried. His wife, who died May 4, 1863, was buried at Corydon, Harrison county, Indiana.

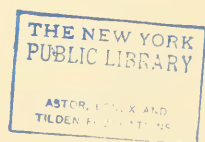
In the Cornelius family there were ten children, seven of whom reached mature years. They are as follows: Mary Ann, wife of Marion Hise, both deceased; Celestine, wife of G. W. Lane, of Danville, Illinois, and she is now deceased; William F., of Linton, Indiana, engaged in the

insurance and real estate business; Daniel B., of Linton, an architect; Margaret Elizabeth, wife of Capt. Edward Estes Laymon, an attorney of Santiago, California, and a man of much wealth, whose other home is at Des Moines, Iowa; Sarah Emily, wife of Ransom Bedwell, of Springfield, Missouri, a farmer by occupation; Jennie, wife of Mr. Brewer, of this memoir.

John E. Brewer and wife are the parents of the following children: Walter Cornelius, born at Graysville, Indiana, September 6, 1878, unmarried and at home; Samuel Scott, born at Graysville, December 5, 1880, unmarried, and is an attorney, practicing law at Indianapolis, a graduate of the Indianapolis Law School, being admitted to practice in all of the courts within the United States, the date of final admission being June 7, 1907; Nellie, born at New Lebanon, Indiana, March 14, 1883, unmarried, a teacher at present and will graduate in the Indiana State Normal School in class of 1910; Mabel, born at New Lebanon, July 4, 1886, now at home; John Thaddeus, born at New Lebanon, August 26, 1888, also at home.

It is said that of all the members of the Brewer family none have ever been brought before the law; all are Republicans and members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the same may be said of the Cornelius family in detail. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer have in their possession two of the old deeds, one executed August 9, 1823, the oldest found in Sullivan county so far and given under the hand of President James Monroe, and the other deed executed November 24, 1828, is by President John Q. Adams.

WILLIAM H. JONES, JR., who is numbered among the largest land-owners and large farmers within Sullivan county, is a native of Fayette county, Ohio, born October 21, 1855, a son of William H. and Olavi (Hidy) Jones. The mother was born in Fayette county, Ohio, and the father in Denbigh, Wales. He came to this country when about twenty-five years old, landing in New York City. He spent one year at Philadelphia, going from there to New Orleans, where he remained one year, and from that city he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where for about five years he studied medicine and graduated in the same. He commenced the practice of medicine at Oak Hill, Ohio, in 1851, but after a short period there went to Jeffersonville, Ohio, and bought out the practice of another physician. He was married there and resided there almost four years, then moved onto the farm adjoining the town, which land his wife had inherited. He remained there the balance of his life, dying in 1894 at about the age of seventy-eight years. His wife died two years later, being about seventy years old. Seven children were born to Dr. Jones and wife: Mary Jane, wife of Luther M. Irwin, residing on the old homestead, near Jeffersonville, Ohio; William H., of this memoir; Humphrey, an attorney residing in Washington Court House, Ohio; Emma O., unmarried and practicing medicine at Columbus, Ohio; Cary,

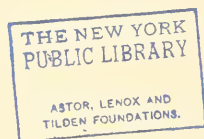




W. H. Jones Jr.



Mary M. L. Jones.



practicing law at London, Ohio; Minnie, wife of Dallas Reading, of Detroit, Michigan. Another child, the next to the youngest in the family, died in infancy.

William H. Jones, Jr., grew up as a farmer's son, performing whatever work seemed best at the time, regardless of the kind. He attended the district schools while living in Ohio, and also the high school of Jeffersonville. At the age of nineteen years, he entered Buchtel College, at Akron, Ohio, and took a four year course, graduating in 1879. Later, he taught mathematics in the same college for a year, then attended Harvard Law School one year.

After he had finished his schooling, he married and settled down on a farm, near Jeffersonville, Ohio, where he remained five years. While there, he also followed civil engineering and surveying in that and the adjoining counties. Subsequently, he moved to Washington Court House and engaged in the mortgage loan business, making loans on farm property mostly, and also conducted an abstract business, continuing there until 1899. He then sold his farm in Ohio, adjoining the town, and came to Sullivan county, Indiana, locating in Gill township, in March, 1899. He had bought his land here of the Rogers heirs, of Fayette county, with the understanding that they would help circulate a petition for the construction of a levee, so the deal for the land was not closed until this petition had been granted. The tract comprised 615 acres and the day on which the petition was granted, he purchased 120 acres additional from John D. and H. Springer. To this he has added, from time to time, until he now possesses 834 acres, besides being interested in 380 acres held jointly by himself and his brother Humphrey, an attorney of Washington Court House, Ohio, who is the owner of more than three thousand acres of land. Mr. Jones is superintending this large possession in Sullivan county, besides a two hundred acre tract belonging to his sister, and on which land he holds a ten year lease. He is an extensive and thoroughgoing agriculturist, raises grain and stock, and gets the greatest possible return by feeding up the product of the land he works, thus insuring the perpetual fertility of his soil. He raises from five hundred to one thousand head of hogs annually, and horses and cattle in proportion.

Mr. Jones, by reason of his educational training and experience, is fully capable of doing almost any kind of business which he might embark in, but prefers the independence of a farmer's life, which to him is also one of much profit. Politically, he supports the Democratic party, seeing in its platforms and principles, that which he believes the best for the average American citizen.

He was united in marriage, October 18, 1882, to Miss Mary M. Loughhead, born in Montezuma, Iowa, February 29, 1856, a daughter of C. B. and Elizabeth (Roup) Loughhead. C. B. Loughhead was a native of Pennsylvania, born November 11, 1822, while the mother was born in Ohio, January 15, 1831. The father went to Ohio in 1845 and there engaged in carpentering and the work of a millwright. He married

there and moved, after nine years, to Iowa and followed his trades there for about three years, then returned to Ohio, where he died in December, 1889. The mother died March 4, 1892. Mrs. Jones received her educational training in the public schools in Meigs county, Ohio. She entered Buchtel College in 1877, and she was graduated in the class of 1882 in the classical department. While pursuing her scholastic course she was a teacher as assistant in Latin in Buchtel College, being such for three years. She is a member of the Universalist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of five children as follows: Cyrintia, born July 11, 1884, single and attending Buchtel College at Akron, Ohio; Helen Olavi, born January 30, 1887, died March 3, 1890; William Hermon, born November 12, 1888, now in Buchtel College at Akron; Lucy, born October 8, 1890, died February 22, 1892; Ruth Elizabeth, born January 14, 1893, at home with her parents, student at New Lebanon, Ind.

LEWIS C. BAUGHMAN, one of the substantial agriculturists residing in Gill township, Sullivan county, is a son of Christopher and Emeline (Davis) Baughman. Lewis C. was born August 24, 1854. His father was a native of Virginia, and his mother of Pennsylvania. The father came to Indiana and located in Jackson county about 1840. He was a blacksmith, and at first settled at Reddington, but soon after removed to Pea Ridge, bought a farm and erected a blacksmith's shop. He carried on his shop, and also operated his farm, for about three years, when he went to Missouri, locating in Monitor county, but subsequently he moved to Benton county, where he operated a farm in connection with the blacksmith's trade. He remained there until his death in 1862. He was united in marriage in Jackson county, his wife's people being among the pioneer settlers there. The wife died in Jennings county, on a farm about 1883. Christopher and Emeline (Davis) Baughman were the parents of nine children, as follows: Christopher, deceased; Mary, deceased; John, deceased; Enoch, residing in California; Martha, a resident of Jennings county; Ormal G., in Jennings county; Lewis; William, deceased; Silas E., a resident of Jackson county.

Lewis C. Baughman attended the district schools of both Bartholomew and Jackson counties. Since eleven years of age, he has supported himself. He began work at eight dollars a month, one-half of which he gave to his mother. He continued so to work and divide his earnings until he was sixteen years of age. From that date until he was twenty-three years old, he worked for others and kept all of his earnings himself. He then married and rented a farm in Jackson county, remaining there for four years, after which he lived on and cultivated a farm belonging to his father-in-law for twenty years, which farm became the property of Mrs. Baughman. They sold this farm and purchased the one hundred and forty-three acres where they now reside. This change was brought about in 1905. Here the family expect to make their permanent home,

and general farming and stock-raising is carried on after an orderly and modern plan, hog-raising being a special feature of the stock-farming.

Mr. Baughman was married October 19, 1881, to Mary E. Gant, born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, in February, 1858, a daughter of Riley and Martha (Wiggs) Gant. The Wiggs family came from North Carolina, her parents being early settlers in that section of the state. The father, who followed farming pursuits, died about 1887; the mother still survives, and resides on the old homestead in Bartholomew county. In the Gant family there were five children, Mrs. Baughman being the oldest. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Baughman are as follows: Clarence, deceased; one who died in infancy; Alice, who died at the age of five years; another who died in infancy; Joseph L., Charles, Dewey and Estella Lenore, the last four being still at home.

Mr. Baughman is an honored member of the Knights of Pythias order, and has passed all the official chairs of his lodge, as well as representing his lodge at the grand lodge of Indiana. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in his political party affiliations is a Democrat, but has not sought for, nor held political office.

GEORGE D. SCHAFER, one of the substantial farmers living in Sullivan county, was born near Edwardsport, Knox county, Indiana, March 22, 1860. He is the son of William and Angeline (Neal) Schaffer. The father was a native of Germany, born July 27, 1829, and the mother of Knox county, born about 1837. William Schaffer came to America in 1844, with an older brother, and first located at Washington, Davis county, Indiana, near which place he was employed as a farm hand a few years. His next employment was in the packing house of A. Simonson, Edwardsport, Indiana, where he remained a few years more and then went into a dry goods store as a clerk and later became a partner in the business, thus proving his ability to accomplish something in the busy world. He continued in trade for twenty years, at the end of which time he embarked in the real estate business. He also owned a large flat-boat, which he employed in transporting pork and corn to the far-away city of New Orleans. He only resided in Washington a short time, but lived at Edwardsport up to 1869, when he purchased a good farm in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, where he resided for twenty years and then removed to Carlisle. The later portion of his life he spent with his children, his death occurring December 29, 1906. His first wife passed away about 1870, and he married again, and the last companion died May 1, 1882. She was born in Delaware county, and this was also her second marriage, her former husband being a Mr. Hadden, who died several years prior to her second marriage. The children by the first union of William Schaffer were as follows: Five are long since deceased and the surviving ones are: J. W., residing in Bicknell; George D., of this memoir; W. E., of Dayton, Texas; Nora, wife of Anson Hildebrand, of Sandborn, Knox county, Indiana.

George D. Schaffer attended the common schools of Jefferson township, where he was compelled, in the absence of anything better, to sit upon split log benches, as the school building was of the most rude and primitive style. He was a dutiful son and remained under the parental roof until he reached his majority, when he bought eighty acres of land in Jefferson township and began to farm for himself. He did not move to this place, but continued to reside at the old homestead and helped care for the father until the other children were old enough to take care of the place. At this time the father moved to Carlisle, and George D. purchased the old home, disposing of his first farm. He remained on the old place until 1891, then sold it and moved to Bloomfield, Greene county, Indiana, where he engaged in the butcher business, but only for a short time. He then moved to Carlisle and remained until the death of his wife in 1892, when he broke up housekeeping and followed no special vocation until he came to his present place in the autumn of 1893. He has made many fine and attractive improvements upon his place, which contains ninety-eight acres. At the present time (1908) Mr. Schaffer has his land rented, but resides on the same.

In his church connection Mr. Schaffer affiliates with the Baptist church, while in political choice he favors the Democratic party. He has never sought, or held public office. He was united in marriage, first, May 24, 1882, to Mary E. Corbin, born in Sullivan county, August 20, 1860, a daughter of John and Angeline (Douthitt) Corbin. Her people were substantial farmers and the parents were both natives of Sullivan county, Indiana, and both are now deceased. Mary E. (Corbin) Schaffer died September 13, 1892. The issue by this union was three children: Ira D., now of Knox county, is the assistant cashier of a bank at Sanborn; Charles W., who died at the age of twenty-one years; and another child who died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Schaffer married, February 28, 1894, Miss Kate C. Brentlinger, born at Carlisle, November 20, 1866, daughter of A. J. and Mary L. (Collins) Brentlinger, who were residents of Carlisle and farmers by occupation. The father died and the mother still lives at Carlisle, on the old farm. To this union there were born the following children: Clyde E. Schaffer, Ward E., Rush L., Wayne A., Fern M., all at home. The mother of this family died April 30, 1902, and June 15, 1904, Mr. Schaffer married for his third wife, Margaret E. Wampler, born near Bicknell, September 8, 1860, a daughter of Daniel and Susan (Slinkard) Wampler, residents of Knox county. Her father was a farmer, but both he and his wife are now dead. There is no issue by the last marriage of Mr. Schaffer.

DANIEL J. VAUGHN is a true type of a self-made and thorough-going farmer, whose industry and frugality have put him in possession of a most excellent farm home, which estate contains one hundred and sixty-five acres of choice land in Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana. He is a native of Sullivan county, born October 4, 1872, son of James W.

and Sarah E. (Hayden) Vaughn. The father and mother were also natives of Indiana, the mother being born in Orange county, and both still live on a farm in Gill township, Sullivan county. There were nine children in the family of James W. and Sarah E. Vaughn, as follows: Julia, wife of J. C. Alsop, of Cass township, Sullivan county; Daniel J., of this sketch; Benjamin F., of Cass township; Joseph M., of the same township; Mary and Sarah (twins), who died in infancy; Ruth M., wife of Morris Unger, residing in Terre Haute; Hayden, at home; Paul, with his father. The father was a soldier in the Union cause at the time of the Civil war, serving in a Missouri regiment throughout the entire conflict.

Daniel J. Vaughn remained at his parents' home until he attained his majority, when his father gave him a horse, after which he worked the land in partnership with his father until 1903. Daniel J. then purchased one hundred and fifteen acres of land, upon which he now resides, and where he carries on a successful farming business on his own account. After he bought this farm, he "bached" one year, then rented the place a year, after which he married and moved to the farm. Subsequently he added fifty acres more to his place. Mr. Vaughan has accumulated this handsome property alone, and fully appreciates its cost as well as its value.

In his political views Mr. Vaughn is a firm and uncompromising supporter of the fundamental principles of the Republican party. He has been too busy a man to seek office at the hands of the public, but was a deputy assessor until he was forced to abandon its duties on account of sickness. He was a deputy under Charles Farrell, assessor. Mr. Vaughn and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are exemplary Christians. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and at one time belonged to the Odd Fellows' order, but is not connected at this time.

Mr. Vaughn was united in marriage March 19, 1905, to Miss Edith Jackson, born at Franklin, Johnson county, Indiana, October 30, 1882, a daughter of George W. and Yula (Satterwhite) Jackson. The mother was born October 24, 1857, and the father April 4, 1845. The parents were both natives of Owen county, Kentucky, where they were married, coming to Indiana in 1878, first locating at Franklin. The father worked on the railroad for some years, then began farming, which vocation he still follows. In the Jackson family there were nine children, as follows: William C., of Gill township; Emma A., wife of Frank Fisher, residing near Danville, Indiana; Homer H., with his father in Gill township; Isaac, who died in infancy; Edith (Mrs. Vaughn); George F., with parents; Verna D., wife of Benjamin Hale, of Gill township; Walter and Robert Lee, at home.

CHARLES L. ENGLE, who ranks among the best of the many excellent farmers tilling the fertile lands of Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, is a native of Jackson township, this county, born November 16, 1850, a son of Joseph B. and Letitia (Rusher) Engle, both natives of Hamilton

township, Sullivan county, Indiana. Joseph B. Engle was born May 15, 1822, and was a farmer, as was his father, who was a native of Kentucky and served as a soldier in the war of 1812-14. He made his home in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, with his son, and there died. His wife had died previously. Joseph B. Engle served in the Mexican war one year, having enlisted in May, 1846. After his return from that war he engaged in farming and also became interested in lumbering and saw-milling. Subsequently he moved to Jackson township, remained there a few years, and then came back to his farm, where his son now resides. The father died there May 24, 1904, and his wife, who was born April 8, 1832, still survives and lives with her son, Charles L.

Charles L. Engle received the most of his schooling at the district schools of Hamilton township. In his father's family there were five children, of whom he is the youngest. He was a dutiful son assisting about the farm work, or whatever seemed best for the general interest of the family, until twenty-four years of age. Then he bought his brother's interest in the homestead, consisting of eighty acres. Here he continued to farm, later adding forty acres more to his place and making substantial improvements on the premises, until now he possesses one of the finest farm homes within the county, including an almost palatial residence. He does a general farming business as well as raises much stock. In church connection he is of the Christian faith, as were his parents. In his political views he is a faithful supporter of the Republican party, but has never aspired to public office. He has long been a member of the Odd Fellows' order, having passed through all of the chairs of the society at Carlisle.

Mr. Engle was united in marriage May 7, 1883, to Louise B. Willard, a sketch of whose family will be found under the head of Rufus O. Willard, her father. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Willard: Nellie, wife of Frank Mickle, of Grape Creek, Illinois, where he is a telegraph operator; Abbie, in the high school of Carlisle, and residing with her parents; Marie, at home, in high school also; Joseph, at home; Gertrude, at home; Rufus, at home; Alice, at home; William, the second in the family, is deceased.

GEORGE W. UNGER, one of the well-to-do and highly progressive farmers of Sullivan county, residing on the fifth rural free delivery route out from Carlisle, is a native of Haddon township, Sullivan county, born November 23, 1876, a son of John and Catherine (Lake) Unger. The Unger family are French, the father having come from that country about 1866. He worked for various persons at various employments for a number of years, then purchased a farm of one hundred acres in Haddon township, upon which he still resides. Possessed of all the manly and intelligent qualities of the French people, he has woven about him a large circle of admirers and friends.

Having only the advantages of the district schools of Gill and Haddon townships, George W. Unger improved this schooling, and with

careful reading as the years have gone by he has become a well-informed man. When twenty-one years of age he rented his father's farm for about five years, then purchased forty acres in Haddon township, but did not occupy it, selling it a year later. He next bought the two hundred acre farm on which he now lives, and where he carries on an up-to-date place, dealing quite largely in stock, including a registered Clydesdale stallion and a fine jack. Politically he favors the principles laid down by the platform of the Republican party.

November 3, 1902, Mr. Unger was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Hale, born in Cass township, Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1880, a daughter of George W. and Sarah (Clayton) Hale. Her mother is deceased and the father resides in Haddon township, where he has lived many years. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Unger; the first died in infancy, and Richard Paul and Frank Hale are at home.

ALONZO P. PIFER, one of the busy and enterprising farmers, who reaps bountifully where he sows, within the borders of that most excellent and fertile township known as Gill, in Sullivan county, is a native of Crawford county, Illinois, born December 11, 1861, a son of Oliver P. and Mary C. (Davis) Pifer. The mother was born in Licking county, Ohio, January 30, 1842, and the father, December 24, 1840, at Merom, Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana. The father was a lifelong farmer who in 1860 owned a farm in Illinois. He was drafted into the U. S. service at the time of the Civil war, but hired a substitute to go in his place. He continued to farm in that state ten years, then removed to Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, and purchased the farm upon which he still resides. He has now tilled the fields of this place for more than two score years. He was bereft of his good wife January 31, 1866.

Alonzo P. Pifer attended the district schools at what is known as the Texas school, in Haddon township, and also at Carlisle. He was industrious and of great service to his father on the farm and continued to work with a right good will until one year past his majority, when he worked out for others for two years. He then married and became a farm renter in Haddon township, continuing about four years, when he removed to his present place, where he has made many substantial improvements. He located here in 1892. His farm consists of fifty-five acres, which he works himself, besides attending to lands in the vicinity which he has leased. He pays much attention to stock, together with grain-growing. Like every intelligent American citizen, Mr. Pifer has his own preferences in relation to parties and governmental affairs. He favors the principles of the great Democratic party, but has never sought or held public office, leaving that duty to those who see in it a pleasure and sometimes profit. He is of the Christian church faith and attends the church of that denomination.

He was married December 24, 1885, to Miss Stella M. Shepherd, daughter of William B. and Lizzie (Summers) Shepherd, both natives of

Sullivan county. The father followed farming until his death in April, 1885. After his demise, the widow continued to conduct the farm, and later was married to William Alumbaugh, who died two years after their union. His widow still remains on the old farm, a part of which is situated in Haddon township. Mr. and Mrs. Pifer are the parents of four children: Charles M., born October 21, 1886, married April 13, 1906, to Miss Floy Furnace, of Terre Haute, a native of Vigo county, Indiana; Frank E., born May 12, 1888, single, with his parents; Maudie May, born July 17, 1892, unmarried, at home; William O., born in 1896 and died October 2, 1900.

HENRY R. MILAM.—The oldest member of the Odd Fellows' lodge at Carlisle, and a farmer who has the respect and confidence of all within the radius of his wide acquaintance, is Henry R. Milam, of Gill township, a native of Sullivan county, Indiana, where he was born February 27, 1826; hence has passed his four-score-year mark. Many are the changes wrought within the section of Indiana in which he resides since the long ago day of his birth. He is the son of Ambrose and Sarah (Mason) Milam. The father was a native of Kentucky who came to Indiana at a very early day, and always followed farming pursuits for his livelihood, as did his parents. Sarah Mason, Mr. Milam's mother, was native to Sullivan county, Indiana.

Henry R. Milam attended the district schools of Sullivan county, which at that early date were not models for educational institutions, but which gave the youth a fair knowledge of the elements of an education, to which he has added with the passing of the years. When he was sixteen years old he commenced to work for himself, being variously employed for others until the time of his marriage. His first wife was the owner of the farm upon which he still resides. To this tract of land he added from time to time until at one time he owned several hundred acres in the famous Wabash valley. He has sold off from this landed estate until his present holdings consist of one hundred and thirty acres. He carried on general farming, and earlier in his life dealt in cattle, hogs and other live stock quite extensively. Unfortunately, in the month of August, 1906, Mr. Milam suffered a severe sunstroke, while attending to his official duties as road supervisor. From this he has never fully recovered. He united with the Methodist Episcopal church at the age of seventeen years, but subsequently withdrew, and is not now a member of any church body. Politically he is a supporter of the Democratic party, but of the independent type, not feeling himself in duty bound to vote for party, but for men.

Mr. Milam has been married three times. By the first marriage, to Armina Webb, there were two sons, but both are deceased. By his second union two sons were born—Josephus C., who is still a resident of Gill township; and another, who is deceased. February 5, 1874, Mr. Milam married his third wife, Miss Josephine Webb, born in Gill township, this county, August 2, 1851, a daughter of Mathias A. and Caroline (Fairchild) Webb. The mother was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, February 10, 1825, her parents being natives of New York state. Mathias A.

Webb, was born in 1814 and came to Sullivan county with his parents when a mere boy. The family settled in Gill township on a farm where they lived until his death, September 1, 1892. The mother died September 5, 1904.

The children born to Henry R. and Josephine (Webb) Milam are as follows: Charles H., who is residing near his parents, on a part of the Milam homestead, was born November 7, 1874; Robert Massie, born October 20, 1876, died May 9, 1893; Carrie Elizabeth, born January 17, 1874, now residing in Gill township, the widow of Samuel Brown; Webb, born January 11, 1881, residing with his parents; an infant, born July 8, 1885; Bonnie, born August 27, 1888, unmarried, now a student in Carlisle high school; Hattie J., born April 4, 1891, died March 24, 1897.

WILLIAM C. HART, whose comfortable farm home is within Gill township, is a native of Clark county, Illinois, born March 20, 1855, son of John and Susan (Smith) Hart. Of his parentage it may be said that the father was born in Germany and the mother in Pennsylvania. The father came to America when a young man and made his home in Freeport, Kentucky. From there he moved to Clark county, Illinois, and bought a piece of land, having previously learned the blacksmith's trade. He remained there until his death in 1852, at the age of fifty-one years, and which was before William C. was born. The widowed mother for about twelve years continued to reside on the farm left her by the husband, and then moved to Terre Haute, Indiana, residing with a daughter, and later coming to live with her son, William C., of this biographical notice. At his home she died April 21, 1905, aged ninety-five years and some few days. Mr. and Mrs. John Hart were the parents of ten children, only two of whom are now living—Joseph, of Gill township, and William C., who was the youngest of the children.

On account of the death of his father and the size of the family which had to be provided for, William C. Hart's education, which he obtained at the district schools of Clark county, Illinois, was quite limited. He remained with his mother until he was fourteen years of age, after which he lived elsewhere until he was twenty-one years old. He then worked for various persons for four years, at the end of which period he married. He then became a land-renter in Illinois, and later in Indiana, having come to the last named state in 1884. For nine years he rented land, then purchased thirty-nine acres, upon which he still resides, carrying on general farming operations and paying some attention to the raising of stock. Upon this place he has made all of the many substantial improvements, and now enjoys the comforts of a well-equipped farm home.

Mr. Hart was married January 1, 1880, to Margaret Koppler, born in Clark county, Illinois, daughter of John A. and Johannah (Listenberger) Koppler. John A. Koppler was a native of Baden Baden, Germany, born in 1833, and his wife of Ohio, where she was born in 1834. In 1848, Mr. Koppler came to America and settled on a farm in Ohio. He

there married and resided until 1859, when he moved to Clark county, Illinois, where he bought a farm upon which he resided until his death in 1903. The mother still survives and occupies the old homestead, around which cling so many fond memories. In the Koppler family there were eight children, two of whom are deceased, and the living are: Christopher, of Clark county, Illinois; Hannah, wife of Oliver Morgan, also of Clark county; Margaret, Mrs. Hart; Julia, wife of Frank Minekee, residing in Missouri; Katherine, wife of Curt Guard, of Terre Haute, Indiana; Christina, wife of Lyman Thompson, a teacher and farmer of Clark county, Illinois.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hart are as follows: Alice May, born September 27, 1881, died January 17, 1882; John E., born October 21, 1882, married Martha Prose, and they reside with her father; William Henry, born March 13, 1884, a farmer of Gill township, married Ada Dudley; Katherine, born March 24, 1886, unmarried, at home; Edward Franklin, born August 12, 1888, unmarried and at home.

As a means of protection to his family, William C. Hart carries a membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 5488, at New Lebanon. While he is not connected with any church organization, he is in sympathy with the teachings of the Friends' Society. In politics he is a Democrat.

ALEXANDER D. PROSE, who is well and favorably known as a farmer and thresher in Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, is the son of Jacob A. and Martha F. (Tanner) Prose, whose family history will be found in the sketch of Jacob A. Prose, elsewhere in this work. Alexander D. was born October 9, 1869, in Gallia county, Ohio, the same county in which his parents were born, the father May 27, 1839, and the mother November 14, 1846. Alexander D. remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age, and being naturally gifted with mechanical ingenuity, he commenced to operate a threshing machine at that age, and also a sawmill. When about twenty-seven years of age he bought twenty acres of land in Gill township, which he farmed, still running his thresher. Later he purchased forty acres more, but when there was anything in the threshing line he still held himself in readiness to do such work. At length he sold the land just mentioned, and purchased the fourteen acre tract on which he now resides. He is now the owner and operator of a first-class modern threshing outfit, as well as a good sawmill and feed-mill.

Mr. Prose was educated at the district schools of Scioto county, Ohio. He is a supporter of the Democratic party, and in church faith is of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. He was married April 14, 1897, to Miss Callie S. Schlichter, who was educated at the schools of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Sullivan county, Indiana. The history of her parents' families will be found under the head of C. C. Schlichter, elsewhere in this work. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Prose are as follows: Mabel L., born February 22, 1898; Lillian I., born September

11, 1899; Opal A., born August 1, 1901. All are at home and attending the New Lebanon schools. As a means of protection in way of life beneficiary, Mr. Prose holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of America, of which society he is the present manager.

The brothers and sisters of Mr. Prose are as follows: Laura A., who became the wife of Charles Dettwiller, now residing in Ohio; Mary E., the wife of Thomas J. Holt, residing in Gill township, now a widow; William T., of Gill township; Charles N., of Ohio; Daniel E., of New Lebanon; O. A., deceased; John A., of Sullivan; Mattie J., wife of J. E. Hart, living on the old homestead.

CYRUS BANTHER.—One of the veterans of the Civil war and a prosperous farmer of Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, Cyrus Banther is a native of Snyder county, Pennsylvania, born December 5, 1841, a son of George and Ann (Huffit) Banther. Both parents are natives of Pennsylvania, and the father lived there until 1846, when he moved to a farm near Mt. Carmel, Illinois, where he remained two years, and then located at Hudsonville, Illinois. After three years at that place he moved to Palestine, remaining here two years, and in 1856 bought a farm near Hudsonville, upon which he lived one year. His wife died at that place, and in 1857, having again married, he moved to Darwin, where he died in 1863. The children born to George and Ann (Huffit) Banther were twelve in number, of whom Cyrus was the fourth child.

Cyrus Banther, on account of having to begin work when very young, never had educational advantages, three days covering all the schooling he received. When seventeen years of age, he left home, single-handed and alone, to try the world and all it had in store for him. The first three years he was employed as a farm hand. The great Civil war came on in April, 1861, and August 16 of that year he enlisted under Captain Markley, of Company D, Thirtieth Illinois Regiment. Mr. Banther served as a faithful soldier in his country's cause for three years, being mustered out August 16, 1864. He was in seven prominent battles, as follows: Fort Donelson, Briton's Lane, Champion Hills, Black River, siege of Vicksburg (where he was forty-two days), siege of Corinth, and Peach Tree Creek. He was never wounded or taken prisoner. After the war he came to Sullivan, Indiana, where he was engaged in business about six months. He then turned his attention toward agriculture and rented land up to 1889, when he bought a farm of one hundred and forty acres, making all the improvements himself, which task was no easy undertaking. His building site is one of the most charming within the county. Here he carries on a successful farm, having been assisted by none other than the good counsel of his faithful wife.

Mr. Banther was married July 6, 1865, to Miss Nancy Daniel, born near New Albany, Indiana, April 4, 1842, daughter of James and Syrena (Lucas) Daniel. The father was a native of Virginia and the mother of Ohio. He was born February 7, 1807, and the mother January 24,

1813. When about seven years old Mr. Daniel came with his parents to a point near New Albany, where the family settled. Later they removed to Greenville, where Mr. Daniel's parents died. In 1847 he sold his land and entered land in Sullivan county, Indiana, and resided there fifteen years. After residing in the town of Sullivan for a time, he moved to Merom, Indiana, but spent part of his time in Kansas. He died in 1883 and his wife in Merom in 1862. In the Daniel family there were eleven children, the seventh being Mrs. Banther.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Banther are as follows: James H., born April 13, 1866, married Minnie McClure, and they reside on a farm in Gill township; William C., born March 29, 1868, married Eva Simms, and they live in Haddon township; Minnie A., born August 19, 1869, wife of Benjamin Munroe, of Fairbanks township, where he farms.

In fraternities, Mr. Banther is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Modern Woodmen of America. In his church faith he is of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. Politically, he votes the Republican ticket, but has never cared to be an office-holder.

JACOB A. PROSE, general farmer and stock raiser, of Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, is the eldest of nine children born to Daniel and Mary (Waddell) Prose. This son was born May 27, 1839, in Gallia county, Ohio. The father and mother were natives of the same county. The former was born in 1818, followed farming in Ohio, and in 1849 started with a gold prospecting party headed for the far-away California gold fields, which had just awakened the interest of the whole of the American people. The precious metal had been discovered that year in paying quantities, and many possessing hardy constitutions and a love for the excitement, with the romance of such an expedition, set forth for the setting sun and land of gold. The father of Jacob Alexander Prose was not fortunate enough to finish the trip, but, like many another, died en route and was buried at Independence, Missouri. The mother had remained in Ohio and later married David Wickline; she died when about eighty-three years old, in 1900. By her marriage with Daniel Prose she had three children: Jacob Alexander; Emeline, wife of Isaac Wickline, of Pike county, Ohio; and Charles, deceased.

Remaining with his parents until he was twenty years of age, and his educational opportunities being limited to a few terms in the district schools, Jacob Alexander Prose then rented a farm of his father, continuing on this for eight years, after which he went into the sawmill business, in which industry he was engaged for thirty-five years. He then bought land in Ohio and again resumed farming pursuits in connection with the sawmill business. He followed this for eighteen years, at the end of which time he traded his property for a hundred and forty acre farm upon which he now resides. Here he carries on a general farming and stock-raising business.

May 2, 1864, in the thickest of the rebellion, he enlisted in the One

Hundred and Forty-first Ohio Volunteer Regiment of National Guards, being in the infantry service as a private soldier. He was discharged September 1, 1864. Mr. Prose is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, which guarantees his family a protection in case of his death.

He was united in marriage July 25, 1861, to Martha Tanner, who was born November 14, 1845, in the same county in Ohio in which he was. She was a daughter of William and Mary Jane (Tibbs) Tanner, who were natives of eastern Virginia, and farmers, and went to Ohio at an early day, spending the remainder of their lives in that state. In the Tanner family there were thirteen children, of whom eight reached the age of maturity and five are still living: Nathan, who resides in Gallia county, Ohio; Alexander, in the same county; James, living in Oregon; Benjamin, of Gallia county, Ohio; and Martha, wife of Mr. Prose. To Mr. and Mrs. Prose the following children were born: Laura Annis, wife of Charles Dettwiller, now residing in Scioto county, Ohio; Mary Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Holt, now a widow residing on her father's farm; William T., a Gill township farmer; Charles, operating a sawmill in Ohio; Alexander, whose sketch is on another page of this work; Daniel E., a New Lebanon farmer; Ochre, deceased; John A., of Sullivan light plant; Martha J., wife of John Hart, residing with her parents.

GEORGE LOVE, who is the possessor of a most excellent one hundred acre farm within Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, is a native of this county, born in Haddon township, April 5, 1847, son of Joseph and Hannah (Davis) Love. Joseph Love was a native of North Carolina, and his wife of West Virginia. When a single man, in 1820, Joseph Love came to Indiana and located in Haddon township, on a farm upon which he remained until his death in 1866, when aged about sixty-two years. The mother of George Love, of this sketch, accompanied her parents to Knox county at about the same time. Her mother died some years later, and the father made his home with Joseph Love until death. Mrs. Love died in the month of January, 1883. There were seven children born to Joseph Love and wife, and of this number but two are now living: Mary, unmarried, residing in California, and the youngest of the family; George, the other surviving one, was the fourth in order of birth.

George Love had the advantages of the district schools in Haddon township, and attended two terms at Carlisle. His father died when George was nineteen years of age, and the son then took charge of the farm, in connection with which he practiced the profession of a veterinary surgeon for about twenty years. After abandoning the practice of this profession, he continued to farm the place he then owned, consisting of one hundred and sixteen acres, which he sold in January, 1907. Purchasing then the farm on which he now resides, which contains one hundred acres, he carries on a general farming business in which he is highly successful, getting ample returns from the soil he cultivates so thor-

oughly. In his political views Mr. Love is a believer in and supporter of the cardinal principles of the Republican party, though never seeks preferment in the matter of local offices. In religious faith he is of the Methodist Episcopal church creed and profession.

November 18, 1883, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah F. Ballow, who was born August 11, 1868, a daughter of William D. and Susan F. (Myers) Ballow. Her father was born in Davis county, Indiana, and by trade was a saddler, coming to Sullivan county before the Civil war and engaging in business at Carlisle, where he continued until his death. The mother died in 1897. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Love, as follows: Edna H., wife of Claud C. Collins, residing on the farm with the father (they have two children, Mary Pauline and George Winston); Hazel May, unmarried, resides with her parents.

SOLOMON G. SHEPHERD, whose farm home is situated on the rural mail route running from Carlisle, known as "No. 1," in Gill township, Sullivan county, is a good representative of the thrifty agriculturists of this section of Indiana, where prosperity abounds by reason of fertile soil and a good class of farmers who cultivate the fields from year to year. Mr. Shepherd was born near Carlisle, December 8, 1860, a son of William B. and Elizabeth (Summers) Shepherd. His parents are both natives of Sullivan county, and the father always followed farming for his livelihood. Solomon G. remained at home with his father until twenty-two years of age, then leased a farm on Shaker Prairie for one year. He rented land about four years in all, and inherited forty-seven acres of land from his father's estate, upon which he now lives. To this he has added by purchase eighteen acres more. When first he took possession of the place it had no improvements to mention, save an old log-house, but he soon set about making it a first-class farm. Here he carries on a general farming business together with stock-growing. Mr. Shepherd attended the public schools of Haddon township, thereby gaining a good common school education. In politics he is a supporter of Democratic principles.

Concerning his brothers and sisters, it should be said in this narrative that there were seven in the family: Thomas, residing on the old home farm; Solomon G., of this memoir; William, of Carlisle, engaged in the livery business; Estella May, wife of Alonzo Pifer (see his biography in this work); Effie, wife of Marion F. Bland, a farmer of Gill township; John, who died young; Carrie, wife of William Willis, on a farm near Sullivan.

Mr. Shepherd was married October 12, 1882, to Margaret J. Alumbaugh, daughter of William and Rebecca (Pool) Alumbaugh. The father was a native of this county, and his parents were also natives of the state of Indiana. The mother of Mrs. Shepherd came from Kentucky with her parents when she was but seven years of age. They lived in Owen county for several years, after which they came to Sullivan county.

The parents are now both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd were born the following children: Bertha May, born January 7, 1884, wife of George Weathers, of Haddon township; they have two children—Harry, born May 7, 1908, and Fred, born July 4, 1907; William B., born May 21, 1885, unmarried and at home; Walter C., born October 17, 1887, at home, attending high school at Carlisle; Albert Roy, born August 21, 1890, attending high school. Mr. Shepherd has wisely thrown a safeguard around his family by becoming a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, thus providing a first-class life beneficiary protection.

In the Alumbaugh family, to which Mrs. Shepherd belongs, there were nine children: Martha, wife of H. A. Benefield, of Carlisle; George W., of Elwood, Indiana, working in a tin factory; John, of Carlisle; Epinitus, of the farming section, near Carlisle; Samuel, retired, at Carlisle; Margaret J. (Mrs. Shepherd); Mary, wife of Joseph Milam, of Sullivan county; William, deceased; Minnie, wife of John Meng, farmer, of Gill township.

DR. ORREN STODDARD, an honored physician of Merom, Sullivan county, has a record of two decades of active and successful practice, having retired at a comparatively recent date as one of the leading citizens of the place, whether judged by his material advancements or his high character. He owns one of the handsomest residences in Merom; has valuable and productive farming property, as well as property interests at Indianapolis; and, as a splendid climax, has used his abundant means and strong personality in the promulgation of prohibition principles and the support of other moral movements which have appealed to his good judgment and fine conscience.

Dr. Stoddard is a native of Montgomery county, Indiana, born near Linden, on the 12th of August, 1843, son of Mosley and Eva A. (Kellison) Stoddard. His father was born near Connersville, Indiana, on the east fork of White river, November 27, 1821, and his mother near Crawfordsville, on the 26th of August, 1823. The paternal grandfather was a native of Connecticut who married Mary Catherine Shonts, a Pennsylvania woman and a playmate of Fannie Slocum, the girl who was taken prisoner by the Miami Indians and held many years in captivity. The grandfather came to Indiana about 1818 and for some years resided on Wea prairie, Tippecanoe county, later removing to Montgomery county, where he resided on a farm until the time of his death. At his decease he was the proprietor of more than a section of land, and one of the most substantial men, both in worldly goods and solid character, in that county. His wife survived him, dying at the same place in her eighty-first year. The father, who was also a farmer, died July 26, 1852, at the age of thirty-one years, leaving his young widow as the support of four children. The farm, which consisted of two hundred acres, was only partially cultivated, but the family continued to reside on it, and, as the children increased in years and capability, improvements were made and the property eventually became valuable. The faithful wife and mother

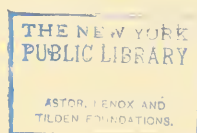
died on the homestead in which had centered so large a part of her life work and affections, on the 8th of February, 1884.

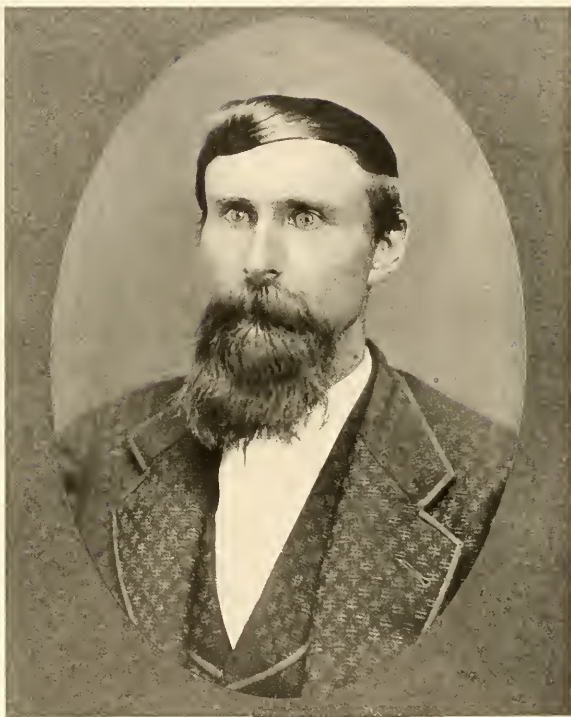
Orren Stoddard attended the first school erected in his home town of Linden, and lived to see four educational institutions erected near the same site—first, a log school house; secondly, a one-story frame building; thirdly, a two-story frame structure; and fourthly, a substantial modern brick edifice. After exhausting the educational facilities provided by the Linden schools, he attended college for a time at Merom, and in August, 1862, enlisted in the Seventy-second Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry for service in the Civil war. After serving for some time in the ranks of Company K of that regiment, which was attached to the Wilder brigade, he was discharged because of disability and returned to his old home. Having recuperated, in May, 1864, he re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Indiana Regiment, Company D, in what was known as the hundred-day service. At the expiration of that time he was honorably discharged, having been promoted from the ranks to the position of first corporal, and among his most valued relics is the certificate of his hundred days' service signed by Abraham Lincoln.

In September, 1864, Dr. Stoddard returned from the front to teach school at his home in Linden, his first charge being the Horner school, three miles east of town. He later taught in Linden itself, and still later attended the Union Christian College at Merom. In the following year he went to Iowa and for a number of months engaged in the cattle business, but returned to Linden to commence his medical studies under Dr. McMurry.

After pursuing his studies for a year under Dr. McMurry, Dr. Stoddard was matriculated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, spending the years 1868 and 1869 in that institution. In the latter year he associated himself in the grocery and drug business with his brother, John D., and also became interested in various other mercantile ventures. The period from 1882 to 1884 was devoted to farming, but in 1886, having graduated from the Indiana Medical College, he removed to Merom, after which for twenty years he gave his entire attention and abilities to the practice of medicine. The doctor has been an earnest member of the Christian church since he was sixteen years of age. A staunch Republican until 1884, since that time, inspired by the teachings of his honored mother, he has been an uncompromising and influential prohibitionist. He has never sought office, having been quite content to do his utmost in forwarding the movement in which he so thoroughly believes, irrespective of personal considerations or prominence.

Dr. Stoddard was married May 18, 1868, to Miss Arminta Montgomery, born at Linden, Montgomery county, Indiana, on the 6th of March, 1850, daughter of Harvey H. and Malinda (Fullen) Montgomery. Her father was a native of the same county, born on the 7th of April, 1822, and her mother's birthplace was near Connorsville, Indiana, on the south fork of the White river, February 20, 1820. It is supposed that the maternal grandfather was a native of Pennsylvania and the first settler of Indianapolis, Pogue's run, of that city, being named in his honor.

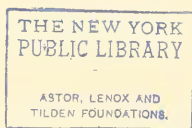




WILLIAM H. BROWN



Mrs Julia Brown



He came to Indiana at a very early day, served under Harrison at the battle of Tippecanoe, and shortly afterward went to Montgomery county, where he spent the remainder of his life. The grandmother had died many years prior to his decease. Harvey H. Montgomery, the father, was a farmer when he joined the American army bound for Mexico; he fought at Monterey, Buena Vista and other critical battles, and at the conclusion of the war returned to the fields and his familiar life. The widow continued on the farm for a short time; then removed to Linden, and, while on a visit to Crawfordsville, Indiana, died suddenly on the 15th of August, 1905.

Four children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Stoddard: Bard Wells, Clay Halden, James McCann and Orren Deans Stoddard. Bard W. Stoddard was born December 10, 1860, and after teaching in various colleges of the country he entered the manufacturing field and is now assistant superintendent of Van Camp's canning establishment at Indianapolis. He married Miss Beatrice Musetta Osler, an artist of especial talent in the decoration of china and a native of Carson, Iowa. Clay Halden Stoddard, unmarried, was born October 22, 1873, and is a composer and teacher of instrumental music at Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. James M. Stoddard, born May 6, 1878, is a practicing physician and surgeon of Anderson, Indiana, and married Miss Ruby Eunice Palmer, a native of that place. Orren D., born November 1, 1888, is at present a student in the normal course of the Union Christian College, at Merom, all of the sons, with the exception of C. H., being graduates of the institution named, the one mentioned having finished the regular course at the Palmer Christian College, of Iowa. James M., the physician, also took a three years' course at the Wabash College, and was graduated from the Indiana Medical College, of Indianapolis, and for a year thereafter served as an interne at the Deaconess' Hospital, of that city.

WILLIAM H. BROWN, who was one of the substantial agriculturists of Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, was a native of this state, born in Clark county, April 7, 1843. He was the son of Nathan and Sarah S. (Brenton) Brown. Sarah S. Brenton, born in Clark county, July 24, 1809, was the granddaughter of the sister of Richard Stockton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and her father served in the Revolutionary war, as well as eight of his brothers. Two of these brothers were killed at the battle of Boonesborough, Kentucky—James and Robert. Their names were praised in a poem in the life of Washington, by Weems. The great-grandfather on the maternal side was killed at the battle of Brandywine, his name being William Wiley. Grandfather Brenton was a Revolutionary soldier when but twelve years old, and was stationed at Louisville, Kentucky, which was then on the frontier. He was a native of Jamestown, Virginia.

The father of William H., of this memoir, Nathan Brown, was born in Lebanon, Ohio, July 27, 1812, and died in December, 1875, and the mother passed away on May 19 of the same year. In his early career,

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Nathan Brown was a blacksmith, working at his trade in Clark county, Indiana, and later he became a farmer. He followed this from 1852 to 1857, when he moved to Gill township, Sullivan county, where he farmed until his death. The children of Nathan and Sarah S. (Brenton) Brown were as follows: Francis M., residing at Graysville; Harriet A., of Gill township; William H., of this sketch; James M., of Carlisle, a retired farmer; John R., who died in 1877; Sarah E., died in December, 1858.

William H. Brown was a student in the schools of Jefferson and Shelby and also later attended the schools of Gill township, Sullivan county. He remained on the farm with his parents until their death, then continued there with his sister, Harriet A., and brother, John R., until the latter's death in 1877. Then William H. and his sister remained alone on the old homestead, and when he married she remained with him on the old place where their parents had resided the greater portion of their lives. His farm consisted of one hundred and forty acres, and here he carried on general farming, but during the last years of his life rented his land and lived retired. His sister Harriet had ninety acres adjoining, which was also leased out. Mr. Brown was an energetic church worker, a kind and loving husband, and an indulgent father. He united with the Christian church in 1878. In politics he was a Democrat, but never cared for local offices. In his veins coursed the blood of patriots.

In September, 1896, William H. Brown was married to Julia Criss, who was born in Crawford county, Illinois, July 1, 1877, a daughter of Joseph and Adeline (Simons) Criss. Joseph Criss was a native of Indiana and went to Illinois with his parents when a small boy, remaining there until his death in April, 1881. The mother died September 21, 1884, both laying down life's burdens in Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown the following children were born: Robert R., born May 23, 1897; Zone Irene, November 18, 1898; Hattie A., May 4, 1902, died August 12, 1904; John Edward, born January 25, 1906. Alma Ruth Higgins is a daughter of Mrs. Brown by a former marriage. Mr. Brown died February 10, 1908. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Christian church at Oakland, Haddon township.

JAMES A. MILLER is a thoroughgoing farmer and takes great interest in the raising and breeding of fine horses, and has a jack and jennet farm also. He is a resident of Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, and a native of Knox county, where he was born July 23, 1868, near Oaktown. He is the son of Samuel H. and Elizabeth M. (Harbin) Miller. The grandfather, Samuel Miller, Sr., was a native of Kentucky who came to Indiana at an early day. He always followed farming, and died at Oaktown, Indiana.

Samuel H. Miller, the father of James A., of this narrative, was born near Oaktown, Indiana, in 1831, and died in 1895 in Greene county. The mother, Elizabeth M. (Harbin) Miller, was born in 1833 in North Carolina, and accompanied her parents, James Harbin and wife, when a child to Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, where they at first set-

tled, but subsequently went to Greene county, where the father remained until his death. He was a farmer and had borne well his part in the settling of the county, under many difficulties. Mrs. Samuel Miller now resides with her youngest son, Samuel O., over the line in Greene county.

Reared on a farm, Samuel H. Miller was united in marriage in 1859, after which he rented land in Knox county, Indiana. In 1861 he enlisted in Company I of the Forty-first Regiment, Second Cavalry, serving in the Union cause for three years and five months. He saw hard service, but was never wounded. He was, however, captured two months before his term of service had expired, and was held prisoner by the Confederates for seven months, such imprisonment being at three different rebel prisons—Andersonville prison, Florence, S. C., and one other. After the close of the Civil war Mr. Miller returned to his farm of forty acres, near Oaktown, where he remained until 1873. He then sold out and purchased an eighty acre farm in Greene county, upon which he remained until his death. He was an ardent Republican in his party affiliations. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife, and he had held every office in the church of his choice, except that of pastor. The children of Samuel H. Miller and wife were as follows: Rosetta, who married Commodore Perry Miller, and resides in Greencastle, Indiana; Elva A. (Lyons), residing in Oregon; Emmett L., who resides in Linton, Indiana, and married Clara Wilson; James A., of this sketch; Samuel O., residing on the old homestead, married Martha J. Page.

James A. Miller was educated at the public schools. He entered upon the duties of life for himself when twenty-one years old, by renting a farm in Greene county, Indiana, for one season, and after the crop had been harvested he purchased eighty acres in that county and resided there another year, when he sold his farm and became a renter for another year. His next land purchase was thirty acres in Greene county, and there he farmed until 1903, when he sold that farm and bought fifty-two acres in the ridge of Pleasantville, at which place he still resides. During one season Mr. Miller was employed in a hardware store in Lyons, Indiana, but not finding indoor life agreeable, he soon gravitated back to rural work and freedom. He now conducts a horse farm and owns two registered horses—King of Iowa, No. 10699, a French draft animal weighing seventeen hundred pounds; Ridgeville, No. 25468, a Percheron horse weighing two thousand pounds; and also a jack named Black Fred. Mr. Miller takes much pride in the management and general care of his horse farm.

He is a Republican in his political party affiliations, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In his fraternal society connections he is numbered among the worthy members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 408, at Pleasantville. He is also a member of the Mutual Protective League.

September 3, 1889, Mr. Miller was married to Mary M. Lester, born June 22, 1873, at Newberry, Indiana, daughter of Willis D. and Margaret (London) Lester. Mrs. Miller's father is now living in Arkansas;

the mother died in 1873. They were farmers by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of four children: Lottie Fay, born August 24, 1891, died April 3, 1892; Elva M., born July 17, 1894, now attending school; Eva Pearl, November 5, 1896; Rose Marie, November 14, 1901. Mrs. Miller is a member of the Rebekahs, Lodge No. 605, of Pleasantville, Indiana, of which she is vice grand.

FRANK E. POSTON, farmer and stock-raiser, residing in one of the choice sections of Gill township, Sullivan county, is a native of the township, born on the old Poston homestead, March 20, 1872, a son of J. H. and Amy R. (Rose) Poston. The father and mother were both born in 1845, the mother a native of Illinois and the father of Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana. His parents came from Virginia, and the mother's people were from Ohio. J. H. Poston resided with his parents until twenty-four years of age, when he and a brother bought land together and farmed in partnership for several years, and then divided the property. J. H. sold his share, which consisted of one hundred acres, and purchased one hundred and ninety-six acres where his son Frank E. now resides. On this land the father resided until his death, June 1, 1900, and the mother died in September of the same year. They were the parents of four children: Corena, deceased; Frank E., of this memoir; Carlton, deceased; Sarah J., wife of Alexander Rogers, a farmer of Gill township.

Frank E. Poston attended school at Rose Chapel school, in Merom, and a short time at Sullivan. He continued with his parents until twenty-four years of age, when he married, and then farmed with his father until the death of the latter. Continuing on the old place after the death of the father, he carries on general farming operations and stock-raising, making a specialty of raising corn. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he is a Democrat, though he never has aspired to office-holding. At one time he belonged to the Odd Fellows' order and Woodmen of America, but does not hold membership with any society now.

Mr. Poston was married in April, 1897, to Miss Alda Banther, a daughter of Cyrus Banther and wife, whose sketch, see elsewhere in this work. By this marriage two children were born: Hallie B. and Rubie C., both at home. For his second wife, Mr. Poston married, in November, 1901, Mattie O. Cummins, born at Carlisle, Indiana, a daughter of S. B. and Margaret (Trimble) Cummins, both natives of Carlisle. The mother was born in September, 1863, and the father in March, 1854. They now reside in Terre Haute. He was engaged in the mercantile business at Carlisle until about 1899, then sold and moved to Terre Haute. He is an experienced bookkeeper and has been a traveling salesman. There is no issue by Mr. Poston's second marriage.

Concerning the Cummins family, let it be stated that there were eight

children in the family of the parents of Mrs. Poston: Edna, deceased; Josiah, residing in Terre Haute, unmarried; Mattie, wife of Mr. Poston; Winifred; James; Augusta; Rilla; Frank, all living at Terre Haute, Indiana.

LEWIS OSCAR TURNBULL, a member of the board of county commissioners of Sullivan county, was born at Retreat Corners, Franklin county, Virginia, on the 23d of October, 1854. His father, Lewis Hubbard Turnbull, was a native and a life-long resident of the same county. He conducted a general store at Retreat Corners, where he carried in stock nearly everything in daily use in that section. He owned one hundred acres of land at Retreat Corners and a plantation of four hundred acres of land near by. His death occurred about 1885. He owned a large number of slaves, which were freed at the time of the Civil war, entailing a loss of many thousands of dollars. The maiden name of his wife, the mother of our subject, was Elizabeth Booth, also a native and lifelong resident of Franklin county. In politics he was a Democrat, and was a county assessor two terms; also a justice of the peace and postmaster about twenty-five years. He affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, and was in his church connection a member of the Methodist church, while his wife was of the Baptist profession of religious faith. Twelve children were born to this worthy Virginian couple, as follows: Bia Ellen, deceased; William, residing in Franklin county, Virginia; Sallie Ann, of Virginia; Jabis E., of Virginia; Laura L., of Virginia; Lewis O., our subject; Geno Stephen, of Sullivan county, Indiana; Mildred Hubbard, of Virginia; Lula, deceased; Cornelia Lee, of Kansas; Odessa, of North Dakota; and Mary E., deceased.

Lewis Oscar Turnbull was born on his father's farm in Virginia and had the advantages of the old fashioned "pav-school" system. The first school he attended was in a log house, with seats made of split poles and resting on legs of natural wood. He remained on the old farm until eighteen years of age, when he superintended a gang of men in a lumber camp at Salem, Virginia, six months. Then in company with four neighbor boys went to West Virginia and engaged in mining for seven years, and then came to Indiana and was employed at farming in Parke county one season. He then opened a coal mine east of Rockville in Parke county, and operated it six and one-half years, when his lease expired and he then came to Sullivan county and bought eighty acres of wild land in Gill township and at once set about to clear a farm. In due course of time he had the land all cleared and in a good state of cultivation. He erected a good set of frame buildings and dug four good wells. After several years he added forty acres, making a one hundred and twenty acre farm. He conducted general farming and raised registered Poland China swine and registered Durham cattle. In 1907 he rented his farm and moved to Sullivan and now devotes his time to his official duties.

He was married in Parke county, Indiana, May 23, 1870, to Christena Kinsey. She was born at Retreat Corners in Franklin county, Virginia, June 15, 1855, a daughter of George W. and Fanny (Akers) Kinsey. Her father died in 1861, leaving the mother with twelve children. In 1863 she came to Indiana and lived in Montgomery county two years, then moved to Parke county, where she lived many years. She spent her last days in Sullivan, passing away at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull were playmates in their early youth, and attended the same school. Mrs. Turnbull was eight years old when the family moved to Indiana, and she had reached mature years ere she saw her future husband.

At the age of sixteen years Mr. Turnbull had a full beard, which in time grew to the remarkable length of forty-eight inches. He is a Democrat in politics. He was elected county commissioner in 1901, and at the expiration of his term was re-elected without opposition. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull are members of the Baptist church.

RICHARD TAYLOR, a farmer and hardware merchant of Farmersburg, Sullivan county, was born August 26, 1861, in Curry township, Sullivan county, where he still resides. He is the son of John C. and Mary E. (Bennett) Taylor. The father, now deceased, was the son of Robert Taylor, a native of Virginia, and came to Monroe county, Indiana, when a young man and entered land and was a farmer and flat-boat builder. He usually made his annual trips to New Orleans, going each spring. He married Mary E. Bennett, now living two miles south of her son Richard, in this township. Six children were born to this union, four of whom reached maturity, John C. being the eldest. There is one now living besides him—D. N. Taylor, who was judge of Vigo county one term, but is now at the Oklahoma capital.

John C. Taylor remained at home and worked the farm with his father until the date of his marriage. He always accompanied his father down the rivers to New Orleans. They also ran a shipping wagon between Louisville and Cincinnati. He continued with his father one year after his marriage, then went to Curry township, Sullivan county, and there purchased land consisting of an eighty acre tract. This was about 1857, and he farmed there until the Civil war broke out. In 1864 he enlisted with Company C, Twenty-first Indiana volunteer infantry, as a private soldier. He served one year, escaped unwounded, and came home to his farm, to which he attended as well as operated his threshing machine, which combined occupations he continued to follow until his death, at which time he owned two hundred and twenty-seven acres.

Richard Taylor, of this notice, son of John C. and wife, is one of seven children in his parents' family, whose names and order of birth are here given: Nancy A., who resides in Jackson township, this county, married John Railsback; Samuel, of Curry township, married Louisa

Wyman; Robert, of Sullivan, married Arena Russell; Richard, of this sketch; Sarah J., of Curry township, married J. H. Wood; Mary E., of Illinois, married William Martin; and Dora E., at home and unmarried.

Mr. Taylor remained at home with his mother until his marriage October 16, 1887, to Della J. Patton, born December 5, 1868, daughter of Milton and Anna (Dilley) Patton. He was educated at Sullivan and after his marriage taught school every winter season for fifteen years, doing farm work summers. In 1902, in company with Elza W. Jennings, he engaged in the vehicle, hardware and implement business. Their place of business is at Farmersburg, Indiana. He also conducts his farm of one hundred and seventy-eight acres. Mr. Taylor also has other financial interests, including his shares in the Citizens' State Bank of Farmersburg, Indiana. He raises a large amount of stock upon his farm, which is also another source of revenue.

Politically he is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Christian church. In secret societies he is connected with the Odd Fellows order, lodge No. 622, at Farmersburg, having filled all the chairs in this lodge. He also holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of America, camp No. 3473. The three children born to bless the home circle of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are as follows: Alva N., born September 15, 1888, is doing first year college work at the Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana; Herman R., born July 15, 1892, is in his second year in high school; and Mamie Iona, born March 1, 1898, is now in the common school.

AARON HOLDER, a native of Haddon township, Sullivan county, and one of the present prosperous farmers of his native county, was born November 16, 1839, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Dailey) Holder. The father was born in the same township and died in 1895, and the mother, born in Kentucky, died in 1893. They were married in Haddon township, and there reared a family of eleven children, only four of whom reached maturity: Aaron, of whom later; Mary, wife of Joseph Roxbury, residing in Carlisle; Sarah, residing in Carlisle; and Elizabeth, deceased. The grandparents, Thomas Holder and wife, were among the first settlers of Indiana, and some of their children were born in old Fort Knox.

Aaron Holder was reared on his father's farm and began working out at the age of twenty-four years in his native township, continuing there until 1877, when he went to Jefferson township, and there remained until 1903. At the last named date he went to Furman township and bought eighty acres of land, upon which he now resides and where he carries on a successful grain and stock raising business. Politically he is in hearty accord with the Democratic party. Both he and his wife are members of the Church of Christ. He was married October 27, 1864, to Sarah Lowdermilk, born in Daviess county, Indiana, April 9, 1840, a daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Starns) Lowdermilk, natives of North Carolina and who came to Indiana about 1838 and to Sullivan

county about 1843. One daughter blessed this union who is now living and three who are deceased. The children were: Cordia May, wife of Levi Willis, residing in Sullivan, and those deceased were Flora M., Lizzie Pearl and Anna C. Mr. and Mrs. Willis have four children, Thomas Roy, Floyd, Chloie and Helen May.

WILLIAM J. THORNBERRY, who has farmed Indiana soil ever since he was twenty-five years of age on his own account, and at this date (1909) is one of the successful agriculturists of Turman township, is a native of Morgan county, Indiana, born on a farm April 15, 1844, a son of Daniel A. and Fannie (Lee) Thornberry. His father was a native of Fauquier county, Virginia, while the mother was born in Winchester, that state. They were married in their native state and moved to Morgan county, Indiana, in 1837, where he purchased a farm. At first he bought a quarter section and then added thereto until at his death he possessed two hundred and forty acres. He lived to the ripe old age of eighty-two years. While he yet resided in the Old Dominion State he was an overseer of a plantation. He had the advantages of attending school until he was twenty-two years of age. He was one of five brothers in his father's family, and they were as follows: Elijah, John, William, James and Daniel, all long since deceased. Politically the subject's father was a firm believer in the principles of the Democratic party. He served as a message bearer in the war of 1812-14, and held a land warrant for such service for his country. Daniel A. Thornberry and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Nine children blessed their home circle, as follows: Mary, deceased; John, deceased; Milton A., deceased; Benjamin Franklin, deceased; Patrick Henry, residing in Morgan county, Indiana, retired; Susan, widow of Cyrus Watson and residing in Morgan county; Thomas Benton, deceased; William J., of this notice; and Daniel A., residing in Brooklyn, Indiana.

William J. Thornberry was reared to farm labor and received his education at the district schools common in his county. He remained under the home roof-tree until nearly twenty-five years of age, when he engaged in farming for himself, having been well drilled in agricultural pursuits, at his father's place, in boyhood and young manhood. He cultivated and harvested one crop for himself in Morgan county, and in the spring of 1869 moved to Sullivan county, locating on the farm upon which he now resides in Turman township, three miles northeast of Graysville. Besides his grain and hay he aims to turn into market about eighty hogs each year. He also keeps Polled Angus and Polled Durham cattle to quite an extent. He is a stockholder in the Turman Township Mutual Telephone Company.

Politically Mr. Thornberry is in sympathy with the principles found in true Democracy. He has held the office of township trustee in all about ten years. He is connected with Masonry, belonging to the Blue lodge at Graysville and to the chapter at Sullivan. He is also a worthy

member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Graysville, having filled all the official chairs in this lodge.

He was united in marriage, October 5, 1867, to Catherine Elizabeth Passmoore, born in Montgomery county, Kentucky, January 9, 1850, a daughter of Joseph and Lon Ann (Edmondson) Passmoore, natives of Kentucky, who came to Indiana in the autumn of 1850 and located in Morgan county, where both died. Mrs. Thornberry is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thornberry were as follows: Orlando W., who is now a widower; Louetta, wife of C. C. Phillips, of Turman township, and they have one daughter, Hazel; Alice, wife of Charles E. Booles, of Turman township, and they have a son, William; Charles O., who married Addie Murduck and resides in Sullivan, has a son, Webster; Phoebe A., wife of Albert Atkinson, of Merom, has four children, Herman, Guy, Andrey and Margaret; Dora, the first born, died in infancy.

WILLIAM A. SHIELDS, whose fine farm home is situated hard by the sprightly town of Graysville, Sullivan county, Indiana, and whose broad acres yield their annual harvest in obedience to his frugal and painstaking management, is a native of Sullivan county, born October 22, 1847, one mile to the north of Graysville in Turman township. He is the son of Alexander and Mary M. (Johnson) Shields. The parents were both born in this township; and the father, born in 1818, died in 1869. The grandfather, William Shields, came from Kentucky and became one of the pioneer settlers in Turman township. The maternal grandfather, William Johnson, came to Sullivan county from Tennessee, locating on the Wabash Bluffs in the western end of Turman township, and was equally as early a settler as the Shields family, with whom he intermarried. The grandfather Shields served in the war of 1812-14. Both grandparents were of the Democratic party and of Scotch-Irish descent.

Alexander Shields, the father, was reared on a farm, and there spent the best years of his life. In every particular he was a useful man and good citizen. At one time he owned one thousand acres of land. In his political convictions he like his forefathers was a Democrat, and held the office of justice of the peace several terms. He was also assessor of his township. His wife was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church. Their children were as follows: Mary J., deceased; Sarah Elizabeth, deceased; William A. and Nancy (twins), the latter dying aged two years; John L., deceased; James C., residing in Hamilton township; and Martha, deceased.

William A. Shields, of whom this memoir is especially written, was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. He continued at home until he reached the age of twenty-five years, taking charge of his father's farm after his death. At the age last indicated he began farming on another farm within the same township, which place he now occupies. Here he does a careful and profitable agricultural business, raising grain and stock. He ships about two car loads of Poland China hogs annually.

His farm consists of two hundred and ninety-three acres of choice farm land, upon which he has a commodious, well planned farm house, the same being about one mile to the east of Graysville village.

Like most true American citizens he takes an interest in the great political issues of the day and votes with the Democratic party. He is connected with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of the Blue lodge at Graysville. He has held all the chairs within his lodge, and is a member of the auxiliary—the Eastern Star lodge. Besides his farming interests he is a stockholder in the Turman Township Mutual Telephone Company.

In domestic relations it may be said that Mr. Shields was united in marriage September 9, 1874, to Martha E. Cowen, born in Vigo county, Indiana, February 24, 1849, a daughter of James H. and Sarah M. (Wisener) Cowen, natives of Illinois and Indiana respectively, both of whom are now deceased. The father died when Mrs. Shields was but three years of age, after which sad event the mother married Benjamin Harrison, who resided in Fairbanks township. Martha E. was educated in the district schools and attended the Ascension Seminary at Farmersburg, after which she graduated at the Sullivan High School with the first class which graduated after the consolidation of that school with the first named educational institution. She had taught some before graduation, and continued teaching until she married. The children born to Mr. Shields and wife are as follows: Clyde H., who married Maria Cushman, a daughter of T. K. Cushman, and they reside with the parents and have three children—Mildred, Enid and Lois. Clyde H. Shields helps his father operate the farm. Elsie is unmarried and at home. The third born child died in infancy. Clyde H. and Elsie both obtained their education at Graysville and attended the Union Christian College at Marom. The entire family are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is one of the ruling elders, having been such for a number of years.

GUY A. CUSHMAN, who in recent years has been farming in Turman township, is the son of Dr. Arbacus Cushman. He was born June 14, 1882, in Graysville, Indiana. Dr. Cushman (deceased) was born on a farm in Turman township, a son of David Cushman, and he was reared to farm labor and attended the district schools. Later he attended the academy at Merom, and having chosen the science of medicine for a profession, he entered the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and graduated with the class of 1869. He then returned to Graysville and began the practice of medicine. He came to be a well learned and skillful physician and continued to practice there until his death excepting the two years which he spent in Cloverland, Clay county, Indiana. He died in his home in Turman township April 8, 1908. He had made a financial as well as professional success in life's career. He was widely known throughout Sullivan county, and was a member of the County Medical Society and the Wabash Valley Medical Association. He was a Mason, belonging to the Blue lodge at Graysville, and he served as worshipful

master of two years before his death. He was a member of the chapter at Sullivan, and also belonged to the Odd Fellows order at Graysville, which he had served as noble grand. Politically the doctor was an uncompromising Republican, ever ready to further the cause of the party of his choice by time and means. He, together with his good wife, were members of the Presbyterian church. In 1862 he enlisted as a member of Company I, Second Indiana Cavalry. He was discharged as a lieutenant, and saw much actual service, being engaged in numerous battles. At the time of his death he owned a farm of one hundred and forty acres east of Graysville. The children born to Mr. Cushman and wife, Mary (Gray) Cushman, were five in number, as follows: Catherine, born in 1872, graduated from the Conservatory of Music at the Union Christian College of Merom. She taught about five years in different parts of the county, and was also an instructor in instrumental music. She is now the wife of Jacob Frederick Hoke, who is one of the firm of the American Box Ball Company of Indianapolis. Joseph, born in 1874, died in infancy. Ethel and Grace (twins) were born in 1877. The latter died in infancy and Ethel was educated at the Union Christian College, graduating from the Conservatory of Music, and then taught school in the county for four years, as well as giving instruction in instrumental music. She is now the wife of Dr. W. R. Turman and they reside at Marshall, Illinois, where he is in the practice of his profession.

Guy A. Cushman, the fifth born, was reared in the town of Graysville, Indiana, and attended the Union Christian College at Merom. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age, having been employed in a store up to that date a part of the time. When he was twenty-two years old he went to Indianapolis, where he was engaged with the American Box Ball Company for about six months, when he returned to Graysville and commenced to manage his father's farm and has been an agriculturist ever since. He handles considerable stock, including the breeding and feeding of many hogs. Politically Mr. Cushman is a loyal supporter of Republican party principles. He is associated with the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities at Graysville.

He was happily married, June 21, 1903, to Harriett Turman, born October 21, 1883, in Turman township, a daughter of Return J. Turman and wife, whose complete family history appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Cushman was educated in the common schools and attended the State Normal one year. Two children have been the result of this union: Paula M., born September 1, 1904, and Arbacus Edward, born March 6, 1908.

Mr. Cushman has descended from Puritan stock, and is a member of the Sons of the Revolution and traces his ancestors back to the band who came to our shores in the Mayflower. Concerning his mother's people let it be said in this connection that she was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1846, a sister of Joseph Gray, whose family history will be found in a sketch of him elsewhere in this compilation. The mother is now residing among her children.

JOHN KELLY, who owns about four hundred acres of excellent land within the borders of Turman township, and now resides in the thriving town of Merom, is an example of what a boy left fatherless at a very tender age may accomplish in this free republic, where every man is the builder of his own financial success. Mr. Kelly was born September 10, 1858, in Turman township, a son of James and Malinda (Johnson) Kelly. The mother was born near Carlisle. For a history of the father the reader is referred to the sketch of James Kelly, found at another place in this work. John Kelly was reared upon the farm and had a very limited common school education. He was left fatherless when a mere boy, and remained at home until twenty-five years of age. He then went out into the untried world for himself, unaided by none other than his own inert energy and pluck. Previous to his marriage he had bought a piece of land, and to this he has added until his present place consists of three hundred and ninety-four acres in Turman township and about six acres within Merom. In August, 1906, he moved to Merom to give his children a better opportunity to gain an education at the Union Christian College. He still superintends his farming operations. Politically he is a Democrat. He is a stockholder in the Citizens Trust Company at Sullivan. He was united in marriage, February 10, 1887, to Nancy J. Dickerson, born in Fairbanks township October 8, 1864, a daughter of A. W. C. and Lucy (Park) Dickerson. The father was born in Orange county, Indiana, in 1835, and late in the forties he came to Sullivan county. His parents both died when he was young. A. W. C. Dickerson located first at Sullivan and worked in a saw-mill for several years, up to 1860, when he bought a farm in Fairbanks township where he has resided since. Lucy Park was born near Sullivan, and died when her daughter, Mrs. Kelly, was but a child. After her death the father married Mary Lawson, about 1878. She is still living. The following children were born to A. W. C. Dickerson and his first wife: Oscar L., of Springfield, Ohio; Mrs. Kelly; Emma, now the wife of William Gaston, of Fairbanks; June, deceased; and three who died in infancy. By the second marriage five children were born: Warren, residing in Fairbanks township; Mondella, wife of C. Moore, of Sullivan; Kate, wife of Claud Byers; Guy, at home; and Ada, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are the parents of three children: Roy, born April 5, 1888, unmarried and attending the Union Christian College at Merom; Linnie, born July 4, 1891, also attending the college just mentioned and she graduated from the Conservatory of Music with the class of 1908; and Lois, born March 10, 1896, now at the Union Christian College. Mr. Kelly and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was for a number of years a steward.

JOEL C. BARNES has always resided in the township of Turman, and his residence has ever been at the place where he now resides and where he is the owner of an excellent farm. He was born June 23, 1857,

a son of Nelson and Mercy (Taft) Barnes. The father was born in New York state March 24, 1816, and died February 21, 1884, in Turman township, Sullivan county. The mother was also a native of New York, born about March 27, 1822, and she died October 4, 1884. They were united in marriage in their native state October 21, 1830, and came to Sullivan county, Indiana, early in the forties. He first located in Fairbanks township, where he purchased a forty acre tract of land. Subsequently he removed to Turman township, where both he and his wife laid down life's burdens. At the date of his death he owned five hundred and forty acres of land in the township in which he lived and labored so many years. He was always a farmer, and at an early day helped to build flat-boats, which he also ran upon the Wabash river. In his political views he was a Democrat, and in church matters both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The following children were born of this happy union: Tryphena Ann, now the widow of Jasper Mayfield, and she lives in Turman township; Ploulina, widow of James Ransford, residing in Turman township; Theodore E., a resident of Sullivan county; Susie, deceased; Abraham, residing in Sullivan county; Cyrus John, deceased; Joel C., of this biography; Lucy M., deceased; and Martha Ellen.

Joel C. Barnes was educated in the district schools, and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began for himself and farmed in the bottoms for two years. He then came to the place which he now occupies. He farms in a successful manner his one hundred and sixty-three acre place, carrying on stock raising in connection with his grain and corn growing.

Politically he is a Democrat. In fraternal relations he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masonic lodge No. 373 at Fairbanks, and Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and their daughter are members of the Eastern Star degree of Masonry at Fairbanks. He was united in marriage on Christmas day of 1876 to Josephine Connor, born in Sullivan county February 10, 1854, a daughter of Solomon and Harriet (Crapo) Connor. Mrs. Barnes died in 1892. Five children were born of this union: Flora, born September 18, 1878, wife of Harlan Riggs, now residing in Fairbanks township, and they have two daughters and one son living; Flava, born May 13, 1881, died July 22, 1882; Alma, born October 20, 1882, is unmarried and at home; William, born February 12, 1886, died November 4, 1886; and Orphie, born October 26, 1888, died July 21, 1889. For his second wife Mr. Barnes married, June 18, 1893, Marada Lister, born in Sullivan county February 28, 1867, a daughter of Nimrod and Malinda Lister, who are now deceased. The following children were born to the second union: Ray, born May 2, 1895; Ada, born March 21, 1898, died December 19, 1899; Nelson, born April 14, 1901, died November 22, 1902; Essie, born March 15, 1903; and Mabel, born April 5, 1906.

Marada Lister was the daughter of Nimrod and Malinda (Evans) Lister, both natives of Ohio, who came to Sullivan county. They were married in Ohio, and came to this county in the autumn of 1859. The

father worked in a woolen mill in his early life, but after moving to this county followed farming. They are both now deceased.

RUSSELL E. MINTER, who is counted among the large land-owners of Gill township, Sullivan county, was born March 25, 1848, in Turman township, a son of William and Melinda (Pinkston) Minter. Of his parentage it may be said that his father was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky, August 10, 1818, and died March 17, 1882, in Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana. He was of Irish descent. William Minter came from Missouri in 1843. He was a soldier in the Indian war of 1836, and was united in marriage in Gill township in 1845. He drove stage on the line from Vincennes to Terre Haute and from Terre Haute to Marshall, Illinois. He farmed one year in Missouri after his marriage, then returned to Indiana, where he followed farming pursuits the remainder of his years. He was very successful and owned seven hundred acres of land, all in Gill township. Politically he favored the Democratic party. The mother of Russell E. Minter was also a native of Kentucky, born at Lexington June 26, 1825, and died in Gill township, at Merom. She came to Sullivan county in 1842. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The four children born of this union were as follows: The first died in infancy; Russell E., of whom later; another who died in infancy; and Hattie, widow of Dr. Harper, residing at Merom.

Russell E. Minter was reared to farm labor and continued at home all of his life except the two years in which he was engaged in the hardware business at Martinville, Illinois, having for his partner Robert Carruthers, the firm name being Carruthers & Minter. Mr. Minter was educated at the Union Christian College at Merom. He is well equipped for carrying on the agricultural business, and is successful in the growth of grain, corn and stock. He raises many fine Poland-China hogs with the other kinds of stock he handles. His excellent farm contains almost four hundred acres, and is situated about one mile north of the thriving town of Merom, on the old state road. In his political views Mr. Minter is a supporter of the principles laid down in the several platforms formulated by the different parties, and votes an independent ticket, selecting from all parties such men as he believes best represent his views.

He was married, October 4, 1887, to Mary E. Halladay, born in Ohio in 1856, a daughter of William Halladay, who lived at both Terre Haute and in Greene county, from which locality he moved to Sullivan county. One daughter has blessed this union—Courtney Gretchin, born March 19, 1891; she is unmarried and at home attending the Union Christian College at Merom.

JOTHAM J. BRAGDON, who is fortunate enough to be one of the land-owners of the goodly portion of Sullivan county known as Turman township, is a native of Clermont county, Ohio, born October 3, 1860.

He is the son of Jotham and Asenath (Fairfield) Bragdon. The father was born December 11, 1827, in Clermont county, Ohio, and the mother September 28, 1830, in the same county. The date of their marriage was October 20, 1853, and they lived in Ohio until the autumn of 1864, and then moved to Sullivan county, locating in Gill township, where he purchased a most excellent farm of three hundred and five acres, upon which he carried on a general farm business, including stock raising, and here spent the remainder of his days. His death occurred September 2, 1908. He was an avowed Democrat. Fraternally he was numbered among the members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with which society he united in July, 1850. By trade he was a carriage maker, which he followed in Ohio for six years. He was in the mercantile business two years in the same state, but after coming to Indiana devoted his time to agricultural pursuits. The Bragdons are of English, Irish and French extraction. The subject's mother is a consistent member of the Christian church. The issue of these worthy parents is as follows: Benjamin, deceased; Emma, now wife of G. W. Finley, a physician and surgeon, at Brazil, Indiana; Sophia R., unmarried and at home; Jotham J., of this memoir; Voorhees V., a farmer of Gill township; and Clara A., wife of Lee G. Corder, and lives at Merom Station. The children were educated in the public schools and attended the Union Christian College at Merom.

Jotham J. Bragdon taught school thirteen years in Turman township, farming during the summer months. He commenced to work for himself when aged twenty-one years. He first farmed in Gill township, but since his marriage has tilled the soil of Turman township. His farm, comprising two hundred acres of fine land, is situated three miles north of Graysville, Indiana, where he carries on an up-to-date farming enterprise, including the raising of quite a quantity of sheep and cattle. He also owns sixty-four and one-third acres of the old homestead in Gill township. He is a stockholder and the vice president of the Turman Township Telephone Company and also stockholder in the Graysville Percheron Horse Company. In his political choice Mr. Bragdon is a Democrat, and has held local offices, including that of township trustee for five years. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to the Blue lodge, at Graysville, and is master of the lodge.

He was married, March 23, 1890, to Olive Wible, born in Turman township June 6, 1868, a daughter of William W. and Adeline (Davis) Wible. Her father now resides in Turman township, the mother having died November 14, 1873. William W. Wible was born in Turman township April 24, 1844, and his wife, November 23, 1841, in the same township. William W. was the son of John V. Wible, born in Washington county, Indiana, and came to Sullivan county, locating in Turman township, in 1842. Adeline (Davis) Wible was the daughter of Parmenas Davis, who was born in South Carolina January 17, 1814. He was among the early settlers of Turman township. Mrs. Bragdon was educated in Turman township, and remained at home until her marriage. The children born of this union are as follows: One who died in

infancy; Charles R., born November 17, 1891; William F., born September 2, 1893; Bernice, born January 23, 1895; Ross Jotham, born May 17, 1903; and one, the fifth born, who died in infancy. Mrs. Bragdon is a member of the Christian church.

Many are the changes wrought out in this section of Indiana since Mr. Bragdon's father first came to Sullivan county and dropped into the center of a one thousand acre tract which had been fenced off and secluded by the people in the neighborhood on account of a disease known then as "Milk Sickness." Hence his farm of over three hundred acres was literally hewed out from the great forests and much credit should be given this hardy pioneer who had seen much of the early-day hardship never again to be experienced by men in this section.

Jotham J. Bragdon, of this sketch, spent the summer of 1885 in Kansas on a cattle ranch, and in 1888 made a trip through the south. At this date he is actively engaged in looking after the interests of his farm, which labor is not only profitable but pleasing to its owner.

GEORGE HARRISON HOKE.—One of the most prosperous farmers of Widner township, Knox county, is George H. Hoke, who is an extensive landholder, a skillful agriculturist, and a business man of ability. A native of Sullivan county, he was born December 14, 1833, on the old Hoke homestead, about three miles south of Carlisle. He is a son of the late Jacob and Rosanna (Brentlinger) Hoke, and a brother of John A. Hoke and of William F. Hoke, whose sketches appear in this work, in which a more extended notice of their parents may be found.

Receiving his limited education in the pioneer log school house of his day, George H. Hoke grew to manhood on the parental homestead. When ready to begin the battle of life for himself, he bought seventy acres of land adjoining a farm owned by his father in Widner township, Knox county, and has since made this his home. Laboring with unremitting industry, he placed his land under excellent tillage, each year adding to its improvements and value, and from time to time bought additional land, having now two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land in his home estate, and owning, in addition, two farms, aggregating two hundred and forty acres, in Haddon township. As a general farmer and stock-raiser he carried on a substantial business until 1904, when he retired from the active management of his farm, although he still occupies it.

Mr. Hoke has been three times married. He married first, March 17, 1859, Mary H. Pearce, who was born December 23, 1835, on the old Pearce homestead, situated on the Sullivan and Knox county line. She died in 1867, leaving three children, namely: Sarah Isabelle, deceased; Charles, deceased; and Richard William, of whom a brief sketch may be found on another page of this volume. Mr. Hoke married, second, Mary M. Polk, who spent her entire life in Widner township, her birth occurring March 19, 1841, and her death, August 17, 1882. Of their



*George H. Hoke
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union three children were born, namely: Rosie, wife of French Willis, of Carlisle; Charles Edward, born May 30, 1880, was graduated at Purdue University, after which he did post-graduate work in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and is now an electrician in old Mexico; and Anna, deceased. Mr. Hoke married, third, December 23, 1883, Miss Alice Scanling. She was born July 18, 1853, in Preble county, Ohio, a daughter of John and Emma (Roe) Scanling. Her father, Mr. Scanling, was born in 1818 in Ireland, came to this country when a young man, and lived for a few years in Ohio, where he married Miss Roe, who was born in that state in 1830. In the winter of 1853-54 he came with his family to Indiana, locating in Knox county, where he bought land, and was subsequently engaged in farming and carpentering until his death in 1899. His wife died on the home farm in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Hoke have one child, Glenn Dora, who was born April 13, 1887. She was graduated from the Vincennes high school with the class of 1906, after which she attended Rockford College, in Rockford, Illinois, taking both vocal and instrumental music at the conservatory of music connected with that college. Politically Mr. Hoke is a Democrat, and religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Hoke are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN WESLEY WONER is known to the citizens of Turman township, Sullivan county, as a thrifty farmer for the acreage which he attempts to till, and also as being connected with the grain threshing and saw mill industry, which he follows during the season for such activities. Mr. Woner was born in Madison county, Indiana, August 27, 1840, a son of David and Malinda W. (Hayden) Woner. The father was born in Kentucky, as was his wife, who was a native of Mercer county, that state. They were married in Kentucky about 1830, and between then and 1840 they moved to Madison county, Indiana, but later went to Wabash county, and while there he had a contract for the construction of the Wabash and Indianapolis railroad. During his sojourn there and while thus actively engaged, he disappeared and was never again seen by his friends and family. The mother, with her family, then removed to Mercer county, Kentucky, and lived there until her son, he of whom this biography is written, was fifteen years of age, and then moved to Orange county, Indiana, where the family resided.

Mr. Woner has one brother, Jacob, who resides in Orange county, Indiana. For her second husband the subject's mother married Jesse Burton of Sullivan county.

On July 4, 1861—the first year of the Civil war—John W. Woner enlisted in the Twenty-fourth Indiana infantry, being a member of Company G, under Captain Spicely, of Orleans, Indiana. He served until November 30, 1865, when he was mustered out of the United States service at Galveston, Texas, and finally discharged at Indianapolis. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Vicksburg, Jackson (Mississippi), Mobile (Alabama) and lesser engagements. After the close of his mili-

tary life, he returned to Sullivan, where he joined his mother and brother, who had moved to this county during his absence in the army, and had located east of Merom. He soon began farming and also did blacksmithing for about fifteen years, attending to his farming in the meantime. His shop was at Graysville, and there his strength was expended at the forge and anvil, which was quite a source of revenue to him. His faithful wife owns ninety acres of choice farming land, which he has worked in connection with considerable stock raising. Beginning as early as 1874 Mr. Woner has operated a threshing machine and saw mill in their respective seasons.

Politically he is a staunch supporter of the general principles of the Republican party. He naturally found a place among the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, being a member of Richard Burton Post. He was happily married April 1, 1868, to Mrs. Cynthia A. (Dodd) Brewer, born in Curry township, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Asbourn) Dodd. The father formerly conducted a hotel at Sullivan. She first married Samuel Brewer, who died within a few years. To that union three children were born, one of whom now survives—John E. Brewer, living near New Lebanon. Mr. and Mrs. Woner have two living children and one deceased. They are: William E., deceased; Hattie G., now the wife of William Strain, and they reside in Turman township; James I. married Esther U. Moore and they reside with the subject.

THOMAS K. CUSHMAN, a retired farmer, a veteran of the Civil war and the present postmaster of Graysville, Sullivan county, Indiana, is a native of Turman township, born November 19, 1837, a son of David and Catherine (Kennerley) Cushman. Of the father it may be said that he was born in Onondaga county, New York, in 1812, and died in Turman township in 1868. The mother was born in Kentucky in 1808 and died in the same township as her husband in 1880. The father in 1818 went to Sullivan county with his parents, Seth and Nancy (Rundel) Cushman, both natives of New York state, but of English descent. The Cushman family located two miles southwest of what is now Graysville, on a farm. He entered eighty acres of land and added thereto until at his death in 1824 he owned two hundred acres. His wife survived him four years. The children born to Seth Cushman and wife were four sons and four daughters, all of whom are now deceased. David Cushman was practically reared in Turman township and followed farming all of his life. He was a successful tiller of the soil and at one time owned four hundred acres of land. Originally he was a Whig in politics and later went into the Republican ranks as soon as that political party was formed. Among the local offices he held may be named that of township trustee, which position he filled two terms. In their religious faith David and Catherine Cushman were Universalists and Christians respectively. Their children were as follows: Thomas K., of this memoir; Arbaces,

deceased; John, deceased; Caroline, wife of N. M. Cochran, residing in Waldron, Illinois; Maria, wife of G. W. Buff, of Sullivan; and Mary, deceased.

Thomas K. Cushman obtained his early training in the district schools and later Merom Academy, which was subsequently merged into the Union Christian College. He then taught school for four years in his native township, teaching winters and farming during the summer months. He continued to reside at home until July 26, 1862, when he enlisted in Company I, Sixth Regiment of Indiana cavalry, as a private soldier, serving in the Union cause until June 17, 1865, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of first lieutenant. He was discharged at Pulaski, Tennessee, and mustered out at Indianapolis. Among the more important battles in which he participated was Richmond, Kentucky. He was with General Sherman on the march to Atlanta and participated in all the many engagements of that campaign, including the siege and capture of that city. After the fall of Atlanta he went west with General Thomas' command in pursuit of Hood's army and fought in the battles of Franklin and Nashville. By reason of his military service he receives a pension. He is numbered among the members of the Grand Army Post known as "Joe Kerns," at Merom. He is also a member of Graysville lodge No. 627, F. and A. M., the Royal Arch Chapter No. 81 at Sullivan and the Commandery at the same place, as well as the Eastern Star No. 308, at Graysville. After the war Mr. Cushman returned to Turman township and engaged in farming, in which he continued until 1904, when he moved to Graysville. On August 4, 1897, he was appointed postmaster under President McKinley's administration, and is still serving. He owns a handsome residence at Graysville, and stands high in his community.

He was united in marriage first, September 27, 1866, to Louisa Ann Cochran, born in Coshocton county, Ohio, in 1842, and she died August 10, 1877. She came to Sullivan county in 1856 with her parents, who located southwest of Graysville. The following children were born of this union: Cora, wife of Charles Eno; Mary, wife of C. E. Medsker; Ambrose G., who married Anna Eno; Roy and Charles G., deceased. For his second wife he married Elizabeth D. Baker, born in New York state May 30, 1858. The date of their marriage was April 1, 1881. She came to Indiana in 1860 with her parents, who first located in Sullivan county, on the farm now owned by C. E. Medsker. She was educated at the common schools. The children born of this union were as follows: Grace, wife of C. T. Whitlock, resides in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county. David T. married Bertha Lisman, and resides at Farmersburg, where he is engaged as a teacher. He received instruction at the Union Christian College at Merom and in the State Normal. Maria is the wife of Clyde Shields, of Turman township. Paul J. married Jessie Yeager and resides with the parents. He has served three years in the regular army—doing duty in the coast artillery. Agnes is unmarried and at home. Mr. and Mrs. Cushman are members of the Presbyterian church.

WILLIAM ADAMS, numbered among the foremost farmers of his community, is a native of Devonshire, England, born on the 9th of April, 1830, a son of William G. and Mary Ann (Tucker) Adams, both also born in Devonshire and there married. He was a farmer in his native country, and in 1847 the family came to America and settled in Clark county, Illinois, where they lived about six years and then moved to Turman township, Sullivan county. Later William Adams purchased two hundred acres of land in the Wabash bottoms, and subsequently bought in all eighteen hundred acres in this county and in Clark county, Illinois. Politically he was a Democrat, while both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church in England. The children born to William G. and Mary Ann (Tucker) Adams were twelve sons, as follows: John, William, William (2), Thomas, Sham, George, Richard (a farmer of Turman township), Harry, and four who died in infancy. These sons are all deceased with the exception of Richard and William, and all were born in England excepting the last four named—Harry being the first born in America.

William Adams remained at home until he was thirty years of age, and then began to farm for himself, selecting for his field of operation Turman township, where he has continued to reside ever since. He was about sixteen years of age when his parents emigrated from England. He now owns a quarter section of land in the famous and highly fertile Wabash valley, and is an extensive raiser of Poland-China swine and red Short-horn cattle. He also owns one hundred and twenty-six acres of land in Crawford county, Illinois. Politically he is a Democrat. He has been married twice, first in 1867 to Harriet Davis, born in Logansport, Indiana. One daughter was born of this union—Mary Ann, now deceased. For his second wife Mr. Adams was married to Anna Logan in 1875. She was born near Franklin, Indiana, and died in 1883. By this marriage two children were born: Charles, residing in East St. Louis, and Harry, born March 29, 1881. The latter was educated in the district schools, and married Nora Harris, of Crawford county, Illinois, February 22, 1882. They have had four children, Ora (deceased), William Earnest, Clinton Clay and Mildred. Harry Adams and family reside on the farm, and he operates it for his father. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Graysville.

JAMES KELLY, who is the owner of a farm of more than five hundred acres of excellent land and a resident of Turman township, Sullivan county, is a native of Geauga county, Ohio, born March 9, 1838, a son of James and Mary Ann (McFetridge) Kelly. The father was born in county Derry, Ireland, and came to the United States when twenty-six years of age, landing in New York city with but two dollars in his possession. His wife, Mary Ann McFetridge, came about the same time, and they were united in marriage two years later in the city of Philadelphia, later coming to Ohio, where they remained until 1840, and

thence on to Turman township, Sullivan county, Indiana. They located on the bluffs overlooking the Wabash river, the wife, who was the subject's mother, dying about one year after their arrival, and the father died in September, 1859. In his political views James Kelly, Sr., was a Democrat. His occupation was that of a farmer, but prior to his coming here and while in Philadelphia he was a dyer of broadcloth goods, while in Ireland he followed the trade of a weaver of "Irish linen." At his death he owned a thousand acres of land. Both he and his good wife were grounded in the church faith of the Presbyterian denomination. Their children were: Sarah, deceased; Margaret, widow of William Crow; and James Kelly, Jr.

James Kelly, our subject, was reared to farm life and labor, and attended the district schools of his home township. Remaining at home until twenty-one years of age he then began farming on his father's farm on the river bottoms. Here he has remained ever since, and has come to be known as one of the most extensive and prosperous agriculturists and stock raisers within the limits of Sullivan county. On his more than five hundred acres of land he carries on both grain and stock raising. He raises thoroughbred Herefords and Short-horn Durham cattle and Poland-China swine, of which he usually sells about three car loads annually. Politically Mr. Kelly is a firm supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He was one of the original promoters of the building of the levee in his section of the state. This particular section is thirteen miles in length, and cost approximately one hundred thousand dollars.

In his domestic relations Mr. Kelly, it should be said, was married in 1865 to Adelia Ann Drake, born in Turman township, on the Island, in 1844, a daughter of Preston G. and Susan (Bryan) Drake. The father died prior to his daughter's marriage to Mr. Kelly. Preston G. Drake was a native of Virginia, a son of Tarlton and a lineal descendant of Sir Francis Drake. Susan Bryan, his wife, was born in Kentucky, a daughter of William Bryan. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly: Augustus, born in 1867, married Annie Mitchell, born in Derry, Ireland, and has one son—James A. C. Augustus Kelly is practicing law in Chicago, having graduated from De Pauw University and attended the State University at Bloomington, Indiana. The second son, Otis, born in 1869, married Lucy Martin, of Terre Haute, and resides in Turman township. He attended De Pauw University two years and was one year at the Terre Haute State Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

HON. THOMAS JOSIAH MANN, deceased, who will form the subject of this memoir, was a native of Turman township, Sullivan county, Indiana, born March 12, 1848, on the old Mann homestead. He was a son of James B. and Fidelia (Turman) Mann. The father was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, and he was a son of Josiah T. Mann, com-

monly called Judge Mann. Judge Mann was born in Virginia and early in his life went to Mercer county, Kentucky. About 1819 he removed to Sullivan county, Indiana, settling near Merom, on a farm to the east of the town. Subsequently he engaged in the hotel business at Merom. While there James B. Mann and wife were married. Fidelia, the wife, was the daughter of Thomas Turman, one of the well known pioneers of the county and for whom Turman township was named. Later they resided in Merom, where Judge Mann died, after which they moved into the house with the widow Mann and assisted in conducting the hotel for a time, but in 1847 moved to the farm now owned by Dr. Durham, and this is where Hon. Thomas J. Mann was born.

Hon. Thomas J. Mann, of this notice proper, spent his boyhood days midst the scenes of his rural home and attended school like most of the boys of his time. He assisted with the farm work in the summer and went to district school in the winter months, attending the Big Spring School. Among his teachers were Seth Cushman and Messrs. Hall and John T. Phillips. In 1865 he went to Vincennes and entered the university, where he did one year's work, and then returned home and taught school two terms. This was the first demonstration he had of the people's confidence in his native ability to accomplish whatever he undertook. After teaching he returned to farm work, and there put in his wonderful energy. In 1868 he formed a partnership with his father, and together they did an extensive work as agriculturists and stockmen. This relation continued until 1878, when Thomas J. was called by the people to serve as clerk of the circuit courts, which position he ably filled two terms. During his entire clerkship P. R. Jenkins served as his deputy. In 1882, at the close of his first term of office, he formed a partnership with Dr. J. L. Durham, his brother-in-law (see his sketch), in the farming and stock raising business, which continued without change or friction until Mr. Mann's marriage, in 1897, when the real estate owned by the firm was divided. After Mr. Mann retired from the clerk's office he made his home with Dr. Durham, devoting his entire attention to his farming interests. The firm early saw the great wealth and richness of soil in the river bottom lands, and purchased all the acreage offered for sale. When the division was effected they owned seventeen hundred acres of land. Later they increased their holdings, and at his death he owned one thousand acres.

Mr. Mann was president of the Sullivan County Agricultural Society from 1889 to 1896. In political choice he was a Democrat. In 1885 he was appointed by Governor I. P. Gray as a delegate to the Agricultural Congress held at New Orleans. In 1896 he was elected representative from Sullivan county to the state legislature, serving during the session of 1897. He acted as chairman of the Democratic Central committee in 1888. In 1899, after the county reform was passed, Mr. Mann was appointed as a member of the County Council by Judge Moffett, and when the council was organized he was chosen its chairman. He was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Blue lodge, and was a charter member of the lodge when it was instituted at

Graysville. He was made a Master Mason and a member of the Chapter at Sullivan.

Concerning his domestic relations it should be stated that he was happily married March 9, 1897, to Miss Henrietta Ingersoll, born January 4, 1861, a daughter of Henry and Mary Ingersoll, who came from Indianapolis in 1861, settling near Merom, but later moved to Turman township, near Graysville. Mrs. Mann's father, Henry Ingersoll, was born in Cayuga county, New York, a son of Benjamin F. and Laura (Rose) Ingersoll. He learned the trade of cabinet maker and in 1836 he located at Greenfield, Indiana, but afterward moved to Indianapolis, where he was engaged in the manufacture of furniture under the firm name of Sloan & Ingersoll till 1862. He then came to Sullivan county and bought a farm in Turman township, where he resided until his death in 1891. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Dickinson. She was born in Bullitt county, Kentucky, a daughter of Isaiah and Polly (Fraim) Dickinson. Archibald Fraim, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Mann, was captured by the Indians when seven years old and kept until twenty years old. After this he served in the Revolutionary war. He owned a farm in Bullitt county, Kentucky, upon which were located some of the famous salt springs.

Mrs. Mann had been a teacher in the public schools of Indianapolis for fourteen years and was very popular and efficient in her work as an instructor, having a reputation throughout the state. Three children blessed this marriage union, including twins, one of whom still survives—Thomas Henry, born January 27, 1898. Mary Fidelia, the other living child, was born August 10, 1899. Mrs. Mann is a member of the Plymouth Congregational church of Indianapolis. The family reside on the farm two miles to the west of Graysville, the same being known as the "Maple Corner Farm." Since the death of Hon. Thomas J. Mann, July 30, 1901, Mrs. Mann has added one hundred and forty-two acres to the original place. She is a stockholder in the Graysville Telephone Company and the National Bank at Sullivan. In 1900 Mr. Mann went to Asheville, North Carolina, for his health, and spent the last of his life there.

RETURN JONATHAN TURMAN, who comes from the old pioneer family whose name is attached to Turman township, is an enterprising farmer of that section of Sullivan county, born near his present residence July 6, 1837, a son of Thomas and Lavina (White) Turman. The father was a native of Virginia and of English descent, while the grandfather, Benjamin Turman, was among the first to effect a settlement in Turman township, which, as well as the creek, was honored with his name. At one time he possessed twenty-five hundred acres of choice land within the township. Politically he was a Democrat. He married and reared several children, including Thomas. Thomas Turman, the father, built

the first flour mill in the neighborhood, located near Big Springs, the machinery of which was propelled by the swift falling waters of Turman creek. He followed both milling and farming, and was prominent both in business and public matters. He was a member of the state legislature and in that capacity was instrumental in the passage of the free school bill. In his political views he was thoroughly Democratic. That he was a man of patriotism it is only necessary to add that he was a soldier in both the Black Hawk and Mexican wars, the land warrant granted him in recognition of his services having the name of Jefferson Davis affixed thereto. Thomas Turman was also a Mason of some prominence and stood for all that was good, progressive and true. He married Lavina White, who was born in Tennessee, of Scotch extraction, and the daughter of William White. The grandparents on both sides of the family migrated to Ohio and later to Sullivan and Fountain counties, Indiana, the Whites settling in the last named county, where they died. The children born to Thomas and Lavina (White) Turman were as follows: Angeline and William, deceased; Fidelia, who married James B. Mann, and now resides with her son-in-law; Lycurgus, Charles R. and Thomas, all deceased; Return Jonathan, of this sketch; Martha, widow of Thomas Collier and a resident of Turman township; Mary, deceased; John Higbee; and two or three other children who died in their infancy.

Return Jonathan Turman lived the life of a farmer boy and attended the district schools at Big Springs. He assisted his father until the latter's death, then continued with his mother until he was twenty-seven years of age, after which he commenced farming independently on the place he still occupies, which contains one hundred and twenty acres of the original Turman homestead, the title having always been in the Turman family name. Politically Mr. Turman is a Democrat and in his religious relations is a member of the Christian church.

On April 3, 1864, Mr. Turman was united in marriage to Paulena Wible, born in Turman township, in 1846, and she was a sister of William W. Wible, mentioned elsewhere in this work. She died in 1889. The children born of this union were: John Edward, of Sullivan; William F., a teacher in the State Normal at Terre Haute; Ira L., a practicing physician of Cynthiana, Indiana; Walter R., practicing dentistry in Marshall, Illinois; Flora, wife of Rev. William Harney, a Kentucky clergyman; Dove M., wife of William Riggs, of Sullivan; Avarilla, wife of Leonard Bostwick; Hattie A., Mrs. Guy Cushman; Ross J., a farmer; and Hallie, who is keeping house for her father.

DR. CLARENCE T. HOWARD, D. V. S., a veterinary surgeon of Sullivan, Indiana, was born May 26, 1878, on a farm in Jefferson township, a son of William W. and Rose (Shake) Howard, both born in Jefferson township, where they still reside on the old homestead. (See sketch of

James D. Howard.) The father has always followed farming for his livelihood. He was elected on the Democratic ticket and served as county treasurer of Sullivan county from 1900 to 1902. He has also been a trustee of Jefferson township. In his religious belief he is of the Baptist faith. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. William Howard are as follows: Elmer, who resides in Florida; Ora, deceased; Dr. Clarence T., of this notice; Hudson, at home; Grover, at home; and Claude, at home.

Dr. Clarence T. Howard received his education at the district schools and in the high schools at Sullivan. In the fall of 1904 he entered the Indiana Veterinary College, graduating with the class of 1907, and immediately commenced the practice of his profession at Sullivan, where he has been ever since, and now enjoys a lucrative business. His office at this date is at Knott & Park's livery barn.

Like most true American citizens the Doctor takes an interest in the political welfare of his country, and his party choice is that of the Democratic party. In his fraternal affiliations he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, including the Encampment degree. In his religious faith he is a believer in that taught by the creed of the Baptist church.

OTHO THOMAS COLLIER.—A widely known teacher as well as a farmer and man of affairs, is Otho T. Collier, of Turman township, Sullivan county, Indiana, who was born April 20, 1860, in this township, his father being Thomas H. Collier, a native of Rochester, New York. He was born April 4, 1836, and his parents, Thomas and Sophia (Cauble) Collier, were, so far as is now known, life-long residents of the Empire state. About 1855 Thomas H. Collier removed to Ohio, where he lived until 1860, when he came to Turman township, Sullivan county, to set up a sawmill for an Ohio firm. On April 8, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company I, Seventy-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and went south with his regiment. The following September he was captured by Morgan's raiders, but was soon paroled and then exchanged. In February, 1863, he was transferred to the Eighteenth Regiment, U. S. Infantry, and one year later was assigned to Company B, Second Battalion, U. S. Infantry. He was quartermaster sergeant of this regiment and was promoted to sergeant of Company B, being also acting quartermaster sergeant of the brigade. He was with General Sherman in the Atlanta campaign until the battle of Jonesboro. In October, 1865, Mr. Collier was detailed as clerk at General Palmer's headquarters, Jefferson barracks, St. Louis, and served with such until honorably discharged in February, 1866.

Mr. Collier then returned to Turman township and for some time was engaged in the manufacture of lumber and shingles. Turning his attention then to farming and stockraising, he continued in this until his death in 1903. He married Martha M. Turman, who was born in Turman

township, a daughter of Thomas and Susanna Lavina (White) Turman, and a granddaughter of Benjamin Turman, the first settler of the township. Mrs. Collier still occupies the old homestead which is pleasantly situated on an elevation overlooking the Wabash valley. She is a member of the Christian church, as was her husband. He was a Democrat and served as township trustee for four years. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Collier: Otho Thomas, of this sketch; Theron L., residing in Indianapolis; and a child who died in infancy.

Otho T. Collier obtained his education at the Big Springs district schools and also attended the Union Christian College at Merom. Having thus properly fitted himself for the duties of a teacher he began teaching, and continued thus for fourteen years. He generally taught during the winter months and put in the summers at farm work. He now owns an excellent farm consisting of a quarter section of land in one of the choice portions of Turman township, Sullivan county. This place he superintends and has it devoted to grain and stockraising.

Mr. Collier has been very prominent in public affairs. He was one of the members of the Island Levee Association and was elected clerk of this organization, serving continuously since. He is also a member of the board of directors. He was associated with Dr. J. L. Durham and William A. Pound in organizing the Turman Township Telephone Company, and was secretary of the same. Mr. Collier has served several years as trustee of Turman township. At the time he was elected the district system prevailed. During the time he was trustee the present admirable system of graded schools was inaugurated. There was a commodious building erected at Graysville, where eight schools are united under one roof, the scholars being carried to and from their homes, and Mr. Collier caused to be placed in the Graysville school the department of domestic science and manual training. The transportation is paid for by the township, and the schools of Turman township now vie with the best in the state.

Politically Mr. Collier is a supporter of the Democratic party and was elected township trustee of Turman township in 1904, taking his seat January 1, 1905. He is connected with the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America fraternities, all of Graysville, Indiana. He belongs to the Blue lodge of the A. F. and A. M., at Graysville, of which he was a charter member; the subordinate lodge of Odd Fellows and Encampment at Sullivan, having filled all the chairs in the subordinate lodge and been a delegate to the grand lodge. In the Woodmen he is a charter member of the Graysville camp.

Mr. Collier was married September 30, 1896, to Estella Phillips, born in Turman township November 28, 1873, and educated in her native township. She is a daughter of Leander and Louisa (Herndon) Phillips. The father was born in Ohio and the mother in Indiana, and both now reside at Big Springs, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Collier are the parents of one son, Ralph T., born April 1, 1898. Mrs. Collier is an exemplary member of the Christian church.

JOSEPH GRAY, who with his wife is joint owner of a fine three hundred and forty acre farm in Turman township, this county, is one of the successful agriculturists who has helped to develop this section of the state, and by marriage is connected with a family which not only was among the pioneers of the territory of Indiana, but gave its name to the township in which he now resides. Mr. Gray is a native of Sullivan, born October 19, 1852, and is a son of Joseph Gray (born in Frankfort, Kentucky, in 1803) and a grandson of Thomas Gray, who was an early settler of Kentucky and a pioneer of Turman township, where he settled in 1818. For several years the grandfather operated a saw and grist mill on Turman creek, two and one-half miles northwest of the present town of Graysville, and in that locality he spent the last years of his life. In his earlier years the father of our subject assisted in the conduct of this enterprise, but later engaged in various other industrial and agricultural occupations at various points in Sullivan county. At one time he was a manufacturer of woolen goods at Sullivan and later engaged in farming in Curry township, where at one time he owned a full section of land. He was also a contractor in the building of the Evansville and Terre Haute railroad and achieved such a decided success in this capacity that the company awarded him the prize offered for the contractor who completed his section first, Mr. Gray thereby securing a quarter section of land in Sullivan, which he platted into lots. Joseph Gray, Sr., platted the town of Graysville, which was named in his honor, and then established the woolen mill which he operated for a time, and then returned to Turman creek, where he conducted a similar establishment for a number of years, after which he lived in retirement until his death, August 4, 1875. He was a strong Democrat and an influential man of public affairs, serving one term as county treasurer. The wife of the deceased was formerly Miss Nancy Sherman, a native of Virginia. She died in January, 1877, the mother of the following children: Simon, William, Benjamin, Martha, Leanah, James, Mary (widow of Dr. A. Cushman), Thomas and Joseph. Leanah, Mary and Joseph are the only ones now living.

Joseph Gray, of this sketch, received his earlier education in the district schools of his home locality and pursued advanced courses at the Union Christian College at Merom. He lived with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age, after which for several years he was employed by neighboring farmers and then associated himself in a mercantile venture with his brother-in-law, Frank Turman. This association continued for some time, after which Mr. Gray conducted the business independently for about two years, when he resumed farming and stock raising. Mr. Gray has always been an active Democrat and deeply concerned in the public affairs of the county. For five years he served as assessor of Turman township, and has since been a member of the advisory board.

In September, 1874, Mr. Gray wedded Miss Cornelia M. Turman, a native of the township which is honored with her family name, born January 1, 1857. Her father, William Harvey Turman, was born in

that township May 4, 1810. The maternal grandfather, Hon. Thomas Turman, was a native of Virginia, born in Bedford county, August 18, 1796. Benjamin Turman, the great-grandfather, was also a son of the Old Dominion, where the American branch of the family was first established. Great-grandfather Turman migrated from his Virginia home to Champaign county, Ohio, and after living in that locality a short time went to Kentucky. In 1810 he made another move westward, this time locating in the territory of Indiana and becoming the first settler of what is now Turman township. He there secured a tract of government land in section 25, and the log cabin which he there built often became the refuge of the early settlers from Indian attacks. It was here that both he and his wife, Sarah Flowers, resided and passed the last years of their lives. The son of this sturdy pioneer couple was the Hon. Thomas Turman, the grandfather of Mrs. Gray, who not only assisted his father in farming but became an enterprising transportation agent of these early times, owning and operating flat boats by which he conveyed hogs, lumber and other products of the country down the Wabash, Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans. He also built and operated the first flour mill in the neighborhood, and in addition to these many enterprises he was an extensive raiser of live stock, at his death being quite wealthy and the owner of a large estate. Like other men of mark he served in both the Black Hawk and Mexican wars, and his standing was such in every way that he was sent to the state legislature as a representative of his district, where among other important affairs that he championed was that providing for the establishment of free schools in the state of Indiana. In politics he was a Democrat and fraternally a Mason. He died in his sixty-sixth year universally respected for his stalwart character and broad and useful works.

The wife of Thomas Turman, Susannah Lavinia White, was born in North Carolina November 1, 1801, daughter of William White, a native of Washington county, Virginia, born March 27, 1776, while the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Gray, William White, was an Englishman born in London, who came to America during the colonial times and settled in Virginia, where he spent the remainder of his days. His son, William White, great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Gray, married Miss Mary Johnson, resided for a time near Abingdon, southwest Virginia, and during the Revolutionary war period migrated to Tennessee and settled in Greene county. William White, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Gray, was but an infant when his parents moved to Tennessee. After his marriage he settled in Rowan county, North Carolina, where he remained until 1815, which marks the year of his coming to Turman township, Sullivan county. In 1823 he made another change in location, settling in Fountain county, and several years thereafter permanently located in Vermilion county, where he died at the advanced age of ninety-six years and eleven months. The deceased was married three times, the maiden name of his first wife, great-grandmother of Mrs. Gray, being Ann Wilkes Balch. She was a native of Greenville, Tennessee, born February 17, 1776, so that both Mr. White and his wife were born in the year of

American independence. Mrs. White was the daughter of Rev. Hezekiah Balch, son of James and Ann (Bloomer) Balch, natives respectively of England and Wales, who came to America in the colonial period, residing for a time in Virginia, whence they removed to Tennessee and became pioneer settlers of that state. The above genealogy is from a work compiled by Rev. A. F. White, LL. D.

Continuing the sketch of William Harvey Turman, the father of Mrs. Gray, it may be added that throughout life he was an industrious and successful farmer, and at the time of his death, May 3, 1900, owned one thousand acres of land, the greater portion of which was highly improved. The deceased was a firm and active Democrat, and served as trustee of his township. He was twice married, first to Sally Ann Taylor, and secondly to Nancy Ann Bridwell, mother of Mrs. Gray. She died in May, 1880.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gray are as follows: Nancy, now deceased; William H., born in 1878, who married Bertha Moore of Turman township and is the father of two children—Joseph and Marjorie; Frank, who is now a traveling salesman for Havens and Geltin, an Indianapolis house; Arbaces, a merchant of New Lebanon; and Nellie, who is living at home with her parents. Mrs. Gray and her daughter are active members of the Christian church at Big Springs.

JOHN L. DURHAM, M. D., was well known as a practitioner in this section of the state until 1887, when he also engaged in the business of farming and stock raising, since which time he has not only continued his medical practice but become well known throughout a wide extent of country by reason of his well-bred stock, which is raised and fed upon the farm of which he has the superintendence. Doctor Durham is a native of Boyle county, Kentucky, born October 26, 1844, and is a son of Jesse Y. and Martha (Tarkington) Durham. Concerning his ancestry, it should be stated that his grandfather, John Durham, was born in Virginia, coming to Kentucky with his parents when a boy. In that state he married Celia Bugg, a Kentucky woman, and passed the remainder of his life in farming. The grandfather mentioned participated in the famous Clark expedition up the Wabash river at a very early date in the country's history. There were seven children in his family.

Jesse Y. Durham, the father, was born in November, 1820, in Mercer (now Boyle) county, Kentucky, was a farmer and in the spring of 1850 moved to Montgomery county, Indiana, remaining on his farm therein until his death, August 26, 1907. Politically he was an old-time Democrat and was elected to the Indiana legislature in 1873, serving one session. In the Masonic fraternity he belonged to the Blue lodge. In August, 1843, he was married, in Kentucky, to Martha Tarkington, born in Giles county, Tennessee, April 29, 1820. His wife, who was a faithful Methodist, died January 2, 1892. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Y. Durham were as follows: John L., of this sketch; George,

who resides on a farm in Montgomery county, Indiana; Crittenden, living in the state of Washington; Julia, deceased; Laura, widow of William Rue, who passed his life in Danville, Kentucky, Mrs. Rue now residing in Indianapolis; Joseph P., a resident of Indianapolis, identified as book-keeper with the Stewart Drug Company; Joshua B., who forms the subject of another sketch on other pages of this work; William Y., living in Waveland, Montgomery county, and with his brother, Dr. Durham, owning the old homestead; and Cornelius, who died in infancy.

Dr. John L. Durham was reared on the Indiana farm and obtained his earlier education at the district schools of Montgomery county and then attended for a short time the Waveland Academy, of that county. He began the study of medicine with Dr. A. T. Steele, at Waveland, and continued it four years under his instruction. In the autumn of 1877 he entered the medical department of the Louisville (Kentucky) University, graduating from the same in 1880, and then practicing at Waveland for a short time. In 1879 he went to Merom, practiced there for a short time, attended lectures at Louisville, and in January, 1881, located at Graysville. There he continued in active professional work until the fall of 1887, when he moved to the James B. Mann homestead, about two miles west of Graysville, which he successfully operates as a stock farm and also maintains a large professional practice in his neighborhood. Originally the Doctor owned about thirteen hundred acres of land, but after giving some to his children and selling other tracts, he now owns about one thousand acres. He superintends this extensive place, which is devoted to grain and stock-raising purposes, his specialty in live stock being the breeding of high-grade Polled Durham cattle and thoroughbred Berkshire swine, selling of the latter about one hundred and fifty head a year. He also raises mules on an extensive scale. Early in the eighties Dr. Durham entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, Thomas J. Mann (who lived with the Doctor before his marriage), and they carried on farming and stock and poultry raising, the latter including wild geese and Pekin ducks. At one time he owned over twenty-three hundred acres of land.

Dr. Durham was the president of the Merom Bluff Chautauqua Association for three years, and is a member of the American Medical Association, Indiana Medical Society, County Medical Society, and the Æsculapian Association. In his religious relations the Doctor and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Politically he is a Democrat, and during the administration of the late President Cleveland served on the United States pension board. On February 18, 1908, he was nominated for representative on the Democratic ticket and was elected representative of Sullivan county, November 3, 1908. In his fraternal relations he is associated with the A. F. and A. M.

Dr. Durham was united in marriage October 5, 1881, to Mrs. Mary (Mann) Davis, who was born in Turman township, this county, October 20, 1850, on the farm upon which she now resides. She is the daughter of James B. and Fidelia (Turman) Mann, sketches of whom appear in other pages. Three children have been born to Dr. Durham and his wife:

Thomas Mann, the eldest, was born September 29, 1884, and attended the Union Christian College, at Merom, and Purdue University, at which institution he took the agricultural course. He married Lora Ridgeway, born in Fairbanks township, and they reside with the Doctor. James Jesse, the second child, was born April 10, 1886, pursued a course at the Union Christian College, and is now in his third year at the Wabash College, where he is taking a scientific course, a member of the class of 1910. Martha Fidelia, the only daughter, who was born March 25, 1888, attended college at Merom, and is now a student at the Western College, of Oxford, Ohio.

Concerning Mrs. Durham's great-grandfather, Benjamin Turman, it may be stated that early in the nineteenth century he built a fort on his land which was known as Fort Turman. The first white man to be buried in the cemetery on the knoll opposite Dr. Durham's residence was shot in that locality while going for a pail of water to the creek which still runs past the family home.

JAMES MILLIGAN MOORE, of Turman township, who is one of the enterprising farmers of Sullivan county and one of the veterans of the Civil war, is a native of Jay county, Indiana, born April 9, 1845, a son of William and Caroline (Vail) Moore. His father was born in Perry county, Ohio, June 27, 1819, and died in Jay county, January 16, 1892, being of Irish descent and a lifelong and successful farmer. The mother, of Welsh extraction, was born in Butler county, Ohio, in 1823, and died in Jay county in 1855. This worthy couple were united in marriage in Jay county, where they both passed the remainder of their lives. In his political belief William Moore was a firm Republican, and both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a class leader. They were the parents of the following six children: Isaac Marshall, deceased; Lydia Ann, now the wife of Zadock Lanham and a resident of Christian county, Illinois; James M., of this memoir; Rebecca and Emma, deceased; and Alwilda, wife of Ira Oborn, who lives in California.

James M. Moore was reared on the farm, attended the district schools and two terms at Liber (Indiana) College. On September 19, 1863, he enlisted as a member of Company B, Eleventh Indiana Cavalry Regiment, and served in the war of the rebellion until September 19, 1865, when he was mustered out of the service at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, being honorably discharged at Indianapolis, Indiana. Among others he participated in the battles of Springhill, Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee, and was fortunate in that he never received a wound in the two years of his service. In common with other comrades-at-arms, he is now receiving a pension for his military services.

For two years following the war Mr. Moore farmed in Jay county, Indiana; then went to Sullivan county, first locating at Merom, and soon afterward in Turman township, there engaging in agricultural pursuits. These have occupied his busy and useful life ever since, with the excep-

tion of three years (1878-1881) which he spent in Jay county. Mr. Moore's farm comprises ninety acres of excellent land, all within Turman township, and besides his agricultural interests he is a stockholder in the Terre Haute & Merom Traction Railway Company and the Turman Township Telephone Company. Politically he believes in the cardinal principles of the Republican party, and naturally and fittingly enjoys membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to the Sullivan Post.

Referring to Mr. Moore's domestic life, it may be said that he was married on March 15, 1871, to Sarah Jane Burton, who is a native of the township in which she now resides, born March 1, 1850, and a daughter of Sherrod and Eletha (Burks) Burton. Her parents were both natives of Kentucky, and in the thirties, when young, were brought by their parents to Sullivan county, Indiana. To Mr. and Mrs. Moore were born three children: Amy Theressa, born January 10, 1872, who attended the Union Christian College (Merom), and is still living at home; William Sherrod, born October 18, 1875, who married Dora Phillips (also born in Turman township) and is the father of Mina, Earl and James; and Grace Gertrude, born March 23, 1881, who was also educated at Union Christian College, is unmarried and engaged in the millinery business at Farmersburg, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Moore and their family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

GEORGE WASHINGTON NOWLIN, who is a large land-owner and agriculturist of the famous Wabash Valley bottoms in Sullivan county, was born February 7, 1853, on a farm in Fayette county, Illinois. He is the son of Bryant and Mary M. (Stokes) Nowlin; and the father, also being a native of Fayette county, was born September 13, 1828, and died on his farm near Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, August 26, 1903. Mary M. Stokes, the mother, was also a native of that county, born February 5, 1830, and died in July, 1907. They were united in marriage about 1852 in Fayette county. After he reached manhood Bryant Nowlin always followed farming for his livelihood. Prior to that time he had been employed as a clerk on one of the merchant boats plying the Mississippi river between St. Louis and Alton, and also drove a stage coach between these points. Until the late fifties he farmed in Fayette county, Illinois, and then moved to Macon county, that state, where he followed the same calling until his death, he and his faithful wife both dying on the same farm. At his death he owned two hundred and eighty acres of valuable farming land. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the parents of the following children: George W., of this memoir; Francis M., who is single and lives on the old homestead in Macon county, Illinois; Charlotte, unmarried, lives with Francis; Douglass, married, and is a resident of Macon county, and five others who died in infancy. The Nowlins are English, while the Stokes are of Scotch-Irish descent.

George W. Nowlin, of this review, received his early education in

the district schools of Macon county and later attended the high school at Decatur, Illinois, after which for one year he attended the Indiana State Normal at Terre Haute, having previously taught school for one term. After leaving that institution he taught in Sullivan county for nine years, and during this period read law in Sullivan with Sewel Coulson. He was admitted to the bar of Sullivan, Indiana, about 1882, and served as deputy prosecuting attorney under Perry H. Blue. After abandoning teaching, Mr. Nowlin was drawn toward the farm again, and began the cultivation of the soil on the Wabash bottoms in the western part of Turman township, where he has continued ever since. In 1902 he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the town of Graysville, upon which he moved the year of his purchase. He also owns a quarter section on the river bottoms proper, conducting both a general farming and stock business, the latter comprising the raising of hogs, cattle and horses. Besides the farming operations of Mr. Nowlin he is a director and president of the board of directors of the Island Levee Association, which was duly organized under the state laws and incorporated in September, 1902. This dike, or levee, is between thirteen and fourteen miles in length. He is also interested in Chautauqua work, being a director and assistant secretary of the Merom Bluff Association. A Democrat in politics, a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and active in all commendable works of reform and charity, he is a citizen of practical ability and decided usefulness.

Mr. Nowlin was married in August, 1881, to Della Turman, born in Turman township, Sullivan county, February 9, 1860, in the house on Turman Creek in which she was reared and in which she died in October, 1894. Mrs. Della Nowlin was a daughter of William H. Turman, granddaughter of Thomas Turman and great-granddaughter of Benjamin Turman, the first settler of Turman township. The children born of this union were as follows: William B., born August 26, 1882, who married Ruth Burton, and is now a widower residing on the home place; Roy Douglas, born April 7, 1886, unmarried, and living at home; Pearl, born February 5, 1888, residing with Mr. Nowlin's sister in Macon county, Illinois; and Emmet, born April 17, 1891, unmarried, and also at home.

For his second wife Mr. Nowlin married, April 26, 1896, Lillie Cooper, born in Clark county, Illinois, September 22, 1874, a daughter of Lewis Cass and Jane (Dix) Cooper, both natives of the county named. The latter died September 16, 1894, and the father is now residing in Missouri, near Willow Springs. The grandfather of Mrs. Nowlin, David Cooper, was a native of Virginia and a pioneer of Clark county, Illinois. He was a cooper by trade, which business he conducted at his home near West York. The maternal grandfather, Kelly Dix, was also a pioneer of Clark county and a wheelwright and wagonmaker. He operated a shop at his home in Clark county. Mr. and Mrs. Nowlin have been blessed by the following children: Edward, born May 12, 1897; Mabel, born September 26, 1899; and Archie, born July 2, 1902. The mother was educated in Clark county and there prior to her marriage taught four terms of school.

JOSHUA BELL DURHAM, a farmer and stock-raiser of Turman township, who is also interested in various other business affairs, is a native of Montgomery county, Indiana, born May 19, 1860, a son of Jesse Youce and Martha (Tarkington) Durham (see sketch of Dr. Durham). Joshua B. was born and reared on a farm. His education was such as is afforded at the public schools. He remained under the parental roof-tree until he was twenty-three years of age, when he went to Graysville and commenced farming, which he followed there three years, and then went to Danville, Kentucky, where he engaged in the horse business in company with his brother-in-law, W. M. Rue. They conducted a feed and training stable and also sold horses for about a year and a half. He then went to Rossville, Illinois, and there engaged in farming and buying and selling horses for two years, after which he removed to Terre Haute, where he was made the manager of the Edgewood Stock Farm, owned by W. E. McKeen, Sr., of Terre Haute. He managed this place for seven years, and then went to Turman township, Sullivan county, where he has since been located and operating a farm as well as raising stock. He also has come to be an extensive dealer in mules and jennets, besides buying and selling large quantities of horses. His cattle are of the Poll Angus and Durham breeds. The farm where he carries on these successful operations consists of one hundred and thirty acres in Gill township, but he lives on the Thomas Mann ranch of eleven hundred acres, which affords him an abundant range for his stock.

Politically he is a supporter of the Democratic party, and in his lodge affiliations is connected with the Knights of Pythias of Montgomery county. He is a stockholder and the president of the Graysville Horse Company; also a stockholder and a director of the Turman Township Threshing Machine Company, and is a shareholder in the Terre Haute & Merom Traction Company.

Mr. Durham was first married, late in the eighties and while yet residing in Illinois, to Sittie Ellis, born in Montgomery county, Indiana. She died after about seven years of married life. One child was born of this union, but died in infancy. Mr. Durham was married the second time, October 5, 1898, to Miss Nellie Manning, born in Terre Haute in 1872. She was reared in Terre Haute and at the age of sixteen years accompanied her parents, W. B. and Lizzie (Mann) Manning, to their farm. The father is now deceased and the mother resides in Turman township. By Mr. Durham's second marriage three children were born: Laura Elizabeth, Marion Youse and Lelia Belle.

While not belonging to any church organization, Mr. Durham was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN MANNING, who was a painter and decorator early in life, and later a farmer in Turman township, Sullivan county, was born April 13, 1834, in Terre Haute, Indiana, a son of Horatio Nelson Manning, who was born in New Jersey and of English

descent. He married Pauline Hodge, born in Germany. They were married in Terre Haute in 1830. Horatio Manning "run the river," a term applied to the persons who followed a boatman's life along the great water courses of the country. He operated boats from Terre Haute to New Orleans. The last even heard of him was when he was en route to New Orleans with a flatboat loaded with corn. His widow died in Terre Haute, on South Fourth street, in March, 1885. Two children blessed this union, Mary, who died in infancy, and William Benjamin, of this memoir.

William B. Manning received his education in the common schools of Terre Haute and at the age of fifteen years began to master the painter's trade in all of its manifold branches. He soon became an adept in his trade as a painter, grainer, decorator and paperhanger, and was also a beautiful sign-writer. As a side-line to his regular profession he did some excellent handiwork in landscape oil painting. Among such pieces his widow now possesses a fine sample of his work as an artist in way of a picture of the house and grounds where she was born on her grandfather's estate, the Thomas Turman farm. Mr. Manning was employed at his trade in Terre Haute until 1887, during which year he with his family moved to the farm where he died, January 9, 1907. After moving there he continued to work at his trade. He purchased the eighty acres of land upon which the widow now resides. Politically Mr. Manning was a Republican, and in fraternal connections he affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodge and also belonged to the Knights Templars and the lower degrees of Masonry, both connections being at Terre Haute.

He was united in marriage September 1, 1867, to Elizabeth Mann, born January 19, 1845, in Turman township, a daughter of James B. and Fidelia (Turman) Mann. The father was born October 5, 1816, in Kentucky, and came to Sullivan county, Indiana, about 1819, with his parents, Josiah and Elizabeth (Schooling) Mann; they located on a farm east of Merom. He died in Merom and the widow died in Sullivan. James B. Mann and wife were married on March 4, 1844, and began housekeeping and farming on the farm now occupied by Dr. Durham, he being a brother-in-law of Mrs. Manning, and her mother still resides on the old homestead with Dr. Durham. Among the successful farmers, James B. Mann was among the best. In his political views he was a Democrat. He died in the month of April, 1887. His wife, Fidelia Turman, was born in January, 1825, in Turman township, a daughter of Thomas and Lavinia (White) Turman. They were married and located in the township named for Thomas Turman. Six children were born of this union: Elizabeth, widow of William B. Manning; Lavinia, wife of John Royse, of Honey Creek township, Vigo county; Thomas Josiah, deceased; Mary, wife of Dr. J. L. Durham; James, who died in childhood; and Arthur, who also died in childhood.

The issue of the union of William B. Manning and wife is as follows: William, born June 8, 1868, married Minnie Coole, a native of Ohio, and they reside in Meridianville, Alabama, on a farm. James Mann, born

December 18, 1869, is now a widower. He married Delmer Hamilton, who died a short time after their marriage, and he now lives in Wyne, Arkansas, where he works at his trade, that of painting. Nellie, born August 3, 1871, is the wife of J. B. Durham, whose sketch will appear elsewhere in this work. Mary, born May 27, 1880, is unmarried and with her mother, Mrs. Manning is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church.

DR. FRANK L. ROBBINS, a practicing physician of Carlisle, Indiana, was born May 29, 1881, at Freelandville, Knox county, Indiana, a son of Thomas, Sr., and Maranda (Howard) Robbins. Dr. Robbins' paternal grandparents were born at Lexington, Kentucky, about 1775. His Christian name was John. They were married at Lexington and emigrated to Freelandville, Knox county, Indiana, in 1813. He entered about one thousand acres of land and remained there until his death. He reared a very large family, and was a soldier in the Mexican war. Thomas, Sr., and brother, Alexander M. Robbins, now own about four hundred acres of this old homestead.

Dr. Robbins' father was born near Freelandville, October 18, 1843, and his wife was born in August, 1848, and she died May 3, 1902. She was a native of Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana. The Robbins are of Scotch and English descent, and the Howards were originally from Ireland. Thomas Robbins followed farm pursuits until within a few years, since which time he has been living a retired life, enjoying the fruits of his many years of toil as an agriculturist. His home is near Freelandville. He has paid much attention to stock-raising, and still handles horses, and he has ever taken a delight in those animals. Thomas Robbins and wife were the parents of the following children: John, now residing in San Francisco, having been in the west about twenty years; Ruel, living on a farm near Freelandville; Lillie, now the wife of O. C. Buck, of Bicknell; Iona, unmarried and at home; Mary, wife of Elvin Bowen, of Freelandville; Dr. Frank L.; and Earle, residing at home, a student in the Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana, where he is taking a course in civil engineering.

Dr. Robbins, who is unmarried, was reared on his father's farm and obtained his education at Freelandville, graduating from the high school with the class of 1900. He then attended the Vincennes University, 1900-1901, and taught school during the winter months of those years in Knox county. In 1902 he entered the Louisville, Kentucky, Medical College and was graduated from that most excellent institution with the class of 1906. He then located at Carlisle, Indiana, where he has built up a good medical practice. He is numbered among the members of the Sullivan County Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. The doctor is a Democrat in his political choice, but is not an office-seeker in the present-day meaning of this term. He is an acceptable member of the Baptist church, and holds membership in the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America fratern-

nities. In the Masonic order he belongs to Carlisle Lodge No. 3, A. F. and A. M., Jerusalem Chapter No. 81, and Council No. 73, all of Sullivan. In the Odd Fellows order he is a member of Encampment No. 50, at Carlisle; also of the Eastern Star and the Woodmen, of the same place.

WILLIAM L. NASH, who is well known as one of the extensive farmers and stock-raisers within Sullivan county, was born in Haddon township, where he now resides, September 3, 1865, a son of Armstead M. and Nancy (Purcell) Nash, both of whom were natives of Sullivan county. The father, a native of Haddon township, is now deceased, and the mother is still a resident of the township. The grandfather of William L. Nash, Marvel W. Nash, was a native of Kentucky, and was among the first persons to blaze the way to and effect a settlement in Haddon township. He entered government land and lived there until he was eighty-six years of age. He was always a farmer, in which occupation he was unusually successful. He reared quite a large family; and was a Democrat in his political views, always casting a vote for that political organization.

Armstead M. Nash, the father, was reared on a farm and followed that occupation throughout his life, at one time owning about four hundred acres of choice land in Haddon township, Sullivan county. He was both a grain and stock grower. He raised registered Shorthorn Durham cattle, some of which he exhibited at stock fairs. In his political convictions he was in accord with the Democratic party. He was a consistent member of the Christian church, as is also his widow. They were the parents of the following children: Indiana Ann, deceased; William L., of this memoir; Edgar E., of Haddon township; Clara B., now wife of Charles Siner, of Vigo county, Indiana; Mary, wife of Edgar Chambers, residing in Sullivan; and Lilly Jane, deceased.

William L. Nash was reared to farm labor and attended the common schools and the high school at Carlisle, beginning life for himself at the age of twenty-two years, by farming in Haddon township, where he has continued ever since. His present farm contains about three hundred and fifty acres, where he pays special attention to the raising of cereals and stock. He usually feeds two carloads of hogs for the markets each year. He also follows the occupation of a stock drover, shipping stock up and down the line, including the towns of Carlisle, Paxton, Sullivan, New Lebanon, etc. His partner in the stock business is Washington Sinclair. Mr. Nash is a stockholder in the new national bank at Carlisle and also a stockholder in the People's State Bank of Sullivan. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, thus giving his family life insurance protection. In secret societies he is an honored member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge at Carlisle.

Mr. Nash was united in marriage in 1888 to Deborah Shake, born in Haddon township, a daughter of Benjamin S. and Elizabeth (Arnett)

Snake, both being natives of Haddon township. He is deceased and she resides in the township. Mrs. Nash's grandfather, David Shake, was a native of Kentucky and was among the pioneer settlers here. The following children have been born to Mr. Nash and wife: Nellie S.; Martha J.; Walter L.; Kate; Claud Ed; Harold A., deceased; Roland R.; Lois W., and Arthur J. The parents and eldest three children are members of the Christian church at Providence, near Paxton.

MELVIN ELLIS.—Having materially assisted in establishing the reputation of Sullivan county as a superior agricultural and stock-raising region, Melvin Ellis is now living retired from active pursuits in Carlisle, having, through his judicious efforts as a farmer in Haddon township, accumulated a competency. A son of John W. Ellis, he was born April 16, 1848, on the Ellis homestead, one and one-half miles east of Carlisle.

Coming from English and German stock, John W. Ellis was born in October, 1800, in Prince William county, Virginia. Learning the trade of a carpenter when young, he followed it for some time in his native state. Some time before 1830 he came to Indiana and for a number of years worked as a carpenter and contractor, building many of the earlier houses of Carlisle. Investing his money in land, he became the owner of a good farm, on which he carried on farming successfully until ready to retire from active labor, and moved to Carlisle, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was three times married, marrying first Margaret Wardell, a native of Georgia, by whom he had one child, Howard Wesly, who is now dead. He married, second, Sarah E. Ching, who was born in Lancastershire, England, in 1800, being married near Washington, D. C. Thirteen children were born of this union, as follows: Amanda, deceased; Oscar A., a farmer living near Greencastle, Indiana; Salina, deceased; Mary, wife of F. A. Jean, of Los Angeles, California; T. O., of Haddon township; William L., deceased, was killed during the Civil war at the battle of Seven Pines, Virginia, June 2, 1862, having been a member of the Second Alabama Volunteer Infantry; Ann M., wife of George Riggs; Virginia, widow of the late Matthew McCormick, lives in Chicago; E. R., a farmer in Coatsville, Ind.; Josiah W., deceased; Robert, of Los Angeles, California; Melvin, with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned; and Olivia, wife of John W. Warner, of Carlisle. By his union with Mary Bishop, his third wife, John W. Ellis had four children, namely: Ella G., wife of John Wilbanks, of Springfield, Illinois; George W., deceased; George, a farmer in Petersburg, Illinois; and John Bishop, deceased.

Between the age of ten years and thirteen years Melvin Ellis attended the public schools of Carlisle, where his parents then lived. Going back, then, to the farm with the family, he assisted his father in his agricultural work until September, 1867, when he again entered the Carlisle schools, which he attended the following three years. During the next six years Mr. Ellis was engaged in farming during the summer

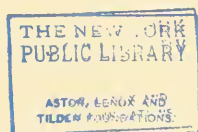
seasons, but taught school during the winter terms. In March, 1876, he bought a farm of eighty acres in Haddon township and for a number of years was busily and profitably employed in tilling the soil, carrying on a good business as a raiser of both grain and stock. This farm Mr. Ellis still owns and supervises, although since April, 1892, he has resided in Carlisle. He is a Democrat in politics, much interested in local affairs, and is one of the stockholders of the People's State Bank of Carlisle. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of the lodge and the encampment, and is a member of Ben Hur lodge of Carlisle.

On September 28, 1872, Mr. Ellis married Susan V. Tapp, who was born in Kansas City, Missouri, November 10, 1850, but was bred and educated in Carlisle. Her father, William Tapp, was born in Kentucky, and died when Mrs. Ellis was but a child. His wife, whose maiden name was Zerelda Stansberry, was born August 18, 1813, in Kentucky, and died October 8, 1895, in Carlisle, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are the parents of three children, namely: Daisy, born July 24, 1873, was educated in Carlisle, taught school in Haddon township five years, after which she married Roscoe C. O'Haver and now has two children, Elene and Hubert Maurice; Bessie O., born October 4, 1876, is the wife of Richard Chrnicki, a rural free delivery mail carrier in Terre Haute, and has one child living, Mildred; and Floyd Elmo, born October 17, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe C. O'Haver reside in Los Angeles, California, where he is engaged in the real estate business. Floyd Elmo Ellis, the youngest child, was graduated from the Carlisle high school in his thirteenth year, after which he studied for eighteen months in the Terre Haute high school and for two and one-half years in the State University at Bloomington. Then after teaching school for a year he was for two years engaged with the Title Trust Company at Los Angeles. Going from there to Washington, he spent a year in Seattle, and in the fall of 1906 entered the law department of Columbia University, from which he will graduate with the class of 1909. Religiously, Mr. Ellis and his family are members of the Christian church, of which he has been an elder and the treasurer for thirty years, and for the past ten years has also been superintendent of its Sunday-school.

REV. DANIEL RYAN, the merited and highly popular Methodist clergyman so well known in the various conferences of this country, especially within the state of Indiana, very naturally finds a place in a work of this character. He was born in the city of Troy, New York, July 4, 1846, a son of William and Catherine (Ryan) Ryan. The father was born in Ireland, as was the mother, though in no way related by ties of kinship. This worthy couple were united in marriage in their native country and emigrated to America about 1840, locating at Troy, New York, where he was engaged as a mechanic. It was he who designed and made the first cook stove in Troy, which city is now so world-wide famous for the annual output of its stoves of all descriptions. He and his

wife resided in Troy until death overtook them. He was a Democrat in his political views, and he and his wife were members of the Catholic church. They were the parents of six children, the subject being the fourth in order of birth, and is the only one now living. He went to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1852, with an aunt Mary, who was a sister of his mother. In 1856, Mr. Ryan removed to Wayne county, Indiana, and lived on a farm, receiving his education at the district schools of that county. In April, 1862, he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and enlisted as a teamster and drove army wagons in the Shenandoah valley until July, when he returned to Cincinnati and enlisted in Company C, Thirteenth United States Infantry, the date being July 10, 1862. He was discharged July 10, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee. Sherman was the colonel of his regiment, which was the first command to plant the flag at Vicksburg. Mr. Ryan participated in the following engagements: Chickasaw Bayou on December 29, Arkansas Post, Hains Bluff, Jackson (Mississippi), Raymond, Champion Hills, Vicksburg, the retaking of Jackson and Collinsville (Mississippi), October 11, 1863. They were en route to Corinth when the last named battle took place. They followed on to Missionary Ridge, and followed General Bragg to Georgia and back to Chattanooga, Nashville, etc. Mr. Ryan was in fortunate circumstances when the war closed, for in all of his exposure to the enemy in so many hard fought battles he was never once injured by wounds.

He returned to Wayne county, and followed blacksmithing at Boston, Indiana, until 1872. He then united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Boston and the following year was licensed to preach. He took work as a supply in 1876 and joined the conference of southeastern Indiana in 1881. His first work was at Brownville, where he remained four years, and afterward was at Mount Carmel, Indiana, where he labored three years, and was ordained by Bishop Cyrus D. Foss at Columbus, Indiana, in September, 1883. He was ordained an elder by Bishop G. Andrews in September, 1886. His third appointment was at Columbus, Indiana, where he remained three years, and was then at Irvington for two years, Milroy one year, Hartsville three years, Utica four years, Flatrock two years, Rockport two years, New Lebanon two years, and three years at Carlisle. During the above period he remodeled and paid off the debt of thirty-three churches and three parsonages. He has presided at almost seven hundred funerals and has united in marriage five hundred couples. He has added to the various branches of the church about three thousand persons. He was elected department commander in 1898 and 1899 of the Grand Army of the Republic. After the war he was grand chaplain of the Grand Army of the Republic of Indiana, and was appointed on the commission for the return of the "Texas Rangers'" flag at Dallas in October, 1899. He has attended conventions all over the country, and made the address of his life when the above flag was returned to Dallas, where he received a great ovation. He loves historic trophies and has a fine collection of badges which he has had exquisitely framed and carefully preserved. Mr. Ryan is a member of the Odd Fellows' order, having joined that society in 1868, and served two terms as grand chap-





RESIDENCE OF CAPTAIN AND MRS. JESSE HADDON

lain of the order, and has filled all of its chairs and been a representative to the Grand Lodge two terms. He is also advanced in Masonry, and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Dumont Post No. 18, at Shelbyville, Indiana. Politically he is a staunch defender of Republican principles, and has delivered addresses in the principal larger cities of this country.

Of his domestic relations it should here be said that he was married March 5, 1867, to Nancy Jane Rife, born in Wayne county, Indiana, a daughter of Daniel and Cynthia (Stanley) Rife. They were also natives of Indiana. Her father died before her birth, and she obtained her education in her native county. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, as follows, in the order of their birth: Anna, wife of Nollis Beard, residing in Liberty, Indiana, and they have one daughter, Teressa; William, residing in Cleveland, Ohio, was assistant superintendent of the reformatory school of Jeffersonville about four years; Teressa, wife of John T. Conover, a graduate of the Columbia University, and they now reside in New York city, where he is an important factor in the Fiske firm of bankers and brokers. His wife was the leading woman in the "Earl of Pawtucket" of New York city for six months. She played Miranda in "The Tempest," and traveled with Ward and James, going from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans on her tours and made five continental trips and played in all the leading cities in the United States and Canada. Walter died in infancy; Adolph F. is unmarried.

Mrs. FLORA A. (McCLURE) HADDON.—An accomplished and enterprising business woman, Mrs. Flora A. Haddon, widow of the late Captain Jesse Haddon, of Haddon township, Sullivan county, is devoting her energies to the care of her estate, which is among the best in the neighborhood. A daughter of Hiram McClure, she was born March 16, 1861, on Shaker prairie, Knox county, Indiana. Her grandparents, Samuel and Sarah (Curry) McClure, natives of Union county, Kentucky, were among the pioneer settlers of Knox county and for many years were leading farmers of Shaker prairie.

A lifelong resident of Shaker prairie, Hiram McClure was born there September 6, 1824, and died November 20, 1876. He was a farmer by occupation, and both he and his father used to market their hogs and grain in Vincennes and Evansville, sending it down the river on flatboats. He married Rosella Seaney, and into their home nine children were born, as follows: Sarah, wife of Cook Chapman, of Deming, New Mexico; Mary, deceased; S. B., deceased; Albert B., of Bruceville, Indiana; Henrietta, wife of Henry Frederick, a retired farmer residing in Bruceville; Maggie, wife of James Whipps, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this book; Flora A., of this sketch; Edgar M., living near Oaktown, in the vicinity of the old McClure homestead; and Jasper F., living in the same neighborhood near Oaktown.

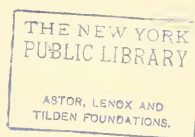
After her graduation from the Oaktown high school, Flora A. McClure taught for ten terms in Knox county, during her last term being

a teacher in the graded schools of Oaktown. On February 1, 1901, she married Captain Jesse Haddon, an esteemed resident of Haddon township. A son of David Haddon, Captain Haddon was born July 24, 1837, on the farm where he spent his entire life, his death occurring November 26, 1906. He came of honored pioneer stock, his grandfather, John Haddon, a native of Virginia, having settled in that part of Sullivan county now known as Haddon township, in 1804, where he entered a tract of twenty-three hundred acres. His home, known as Fort Haddon, was a place of refuge for the early families that settled in this vicinity, all seeking protection within the fort whenever the Indians became hostile.

Captain Haddon boasted of his life as a soldier and none could dispute him. Very soon after the breaking out of the Civil war he offered his services to his country, enlisting in 1861 as a private in the Twenty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was a private until July 4, 1861; then corporal until February 16, 1862; sergeant until June 1, 1862; second lieutenant until July 30, 1863; first lieutenant until October 8, 1864; then for gallantry and meritorious conduct was promoted to the rank of captain in Company D, Twenty-first Indiana Heavy Artillery. He took part in many important engagements of the war, among them the battle of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1862, and the siege of Port Hudson, where, while in the top of a tree, watching with a fieldglass the movements of the enemy, he received a gunshot wound in the right arm that came near proving fatal, and did maim him for life. His regiment was converted into heavy artillery. He was mustered out of service January 10, 1866, receiving his honorable and final discharge after four and a half years of service for his country. Captain Haddon was a man who did not know fear and was ever ready to perform his part as a faithful soldier, and his record as a soldier was most worthy of commendation.

Returning to Haddon township at the close of the conflict, Captain Haddon resumed his former occupation and on the old Haddon homestead was for many years profitably employed in general farming and stock-raising, meeting with noteworthy success in his undertakings. The captain was noted as a breeder and raiser of exceptionally fine horses, and among some of those sold at public sale after his death having been five Norman Percheron mares which brought \$1,598, others being sold at \$400, \$305, and \$230 each. Four fat hogs were sold for \$121, and four deer brought a good price. The captain was a lover of animals of all kinds, being especially fond of horses, dogs and birds. He was a man of strong individuality, peculiar perhaps in some ways, always wearing his hair in long locks over his shoulders, and wearing a hat made expressly for him, of the finest beaver and after his own design, being of the sombrero order, with a brim fifteen inches in width, and he always carried a Colt's revolver in a holster attached to his belt. He was a staunch Republican in politics, an active worker in the party, and belonged to the Republican county organization, and at one time was Republican nominee for state senator. Fraternally he was a member of Carlisle Lodge No. 50, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was owner and proprietor of the Carlisle opera house and donated the use of this institution





for the Woman's Relief Corps chapter. By his request this corps accepted his offer. They still meet at the opera house, for after his death his widow extended to the corps the same privilege, knowing the earnest desire of the captain to perpetuate the loyalty of the rising generation in this community. She is using every effort to carry forth his plans of promoting the loyalty which was so firmly instilled in his own bosom. He had a flagstaff erected upon the opera house, and as long as he lived he kept "Old Glory" afloat, to remind the youths that he was earnest in the affairs of his country.

Captain Haddon wedded Miss Flora A. McClure, February 1, 1901. Mrs. Haddon has one child, Jessie Helen, whose birth occurred January 2, 1902, and they reside on the old homestead. She is a bright little child and in the first grade of the Carlisle public school. Mrs. Haddon, like the captain, is a lover of animals, and is the owner of a full-blooded Norman Percheron mare, which is registered, and she is a shareholder in the National French Draft Horse Association, of Fairfield, Iowa, of which the Captain was a member and stockholder. Mrs. Haddon takes a leading part in the Carlisle Chapter No. 255, Woman's Relief Corps. She is press correspondent of this society, which is in a very flourishing condition. On Tuesday, January 8, 1909, the following officers were duly elected: Miss Dercie Kivett, president; Mrs. Sarah Hoover, senior vice president; Mrs. Mildred Yocum, junior vice president; Mrs. Martha Risinger, chaplain; Mrs. Arvilla Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. Frances Hutchinson, secretary; Mrs. Ida Whalen, conductor; Mrs. Flora Haddon, guard. This society has for its mission charity and a friendly hand to all. Carlisle Chapter No. 255 donated and assisted with proper ceremony in the erection of the beautiful flag on the public school building of Carlisle. Its very color speaks to one—Red for valor; White, purity; and Blue, justice and friendship. Under its folds is the motto: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

CHARLES L. PIRTLE, one of the up-to-date farmers of Sullivan county soil, is a native of Haddon township, Sullivan county, born November 11, 1871, a son of James W. and Mary A. (Cron) Pirtle. Of Mr. Pirtle's parentage, let it be said in this connection that his father was born August 8, 1837, in Haddon township, and died December 31, 1904, in the same subdivision of Sullivan county, Indiana. The mother was born July 11, 1842, in Bloomington, Indiana, and died March 16, 1907. Both the father and mother were buried within the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Carlisle, Indiana. James W., the father, was a son of Alfred and Elizabeth Pirtle, the former a native of Kentucky who came to Sullivan county when but six years of age with his parents, Jacob Pirtle and wife, farmers. They came here in 1816, and were counted among the early pioneer band in this section of the state of Indiana. They located near the old blockhouse at Carlisle. The Pirtles were all farmers by occupation. They were very active and influential in subduing and perfecting the county, aiding in transforming a wilderness into a fertile and productive garden spot.

James W. Pirtle, the father, remained at home until the date of his marriage; when he commenced work in a sawmill, continuing one year, and then purchased a farm of sixty-six acres. He was industrious and frugal, so that from time to time he added more land to his place, until he owned a tract of one hundred and fifty-six acres of excellent farm land, all in Haddon township, and where he spent the remnant of his days. His wife, subject's mother, Mary (Cron) Pirtle, was the daughter of Jacob and Louise Cron. The father was a shoemaker and leather tanner. He served an apprenticeship beside Andrew Johnson. Mr. Cron and a partner laid out San Antonio, Texas, prior to the Mexican war. The children of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Pirtle were as follows: Dr. George, born November 17, 1868, and residing in Carlisle, Indiana, married Belle Julian; Charles L., of this narrative; Jacob A., born March 7, 1824, and now residing on the old homestead, is unmarried; and Edward, born August 11, 1881, married Clara Fiddler and resides in Paxton, Indiana.

Charles L. Pirtle remained at home until his marriage, March 27, 1895, to Lizzie Wilson, born December 12, 1870, in Haddon township, this county, a daughter of James K. and Laura Wilson, both of whom are living east of Carlisle. Mr. Pirtle purchased fifty-five acres the year before his marriage and moved to the same, which forms a part of his present farm in Hamilton township. He now owns eighty acres, and all is well improved and cared for through his untiring industry and good management. He has but recently completed one of the most thoroughly modern farmhouses within Sullivan county. He operates a combined grain-producing and stock-raising farm, and is thoroughly interested in his work, which he performs with much intelligence, thus meeting with the success which always follows such labor as an agriculturist, as well as in any other calling.

In his political understanding Mr. Pirtle advocates and votes the principles of the Democratic party. Believing in protection for his family through the medium of mutual life insurance, he has wisely become a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to Camp No. 3967, at Sullivan. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Four children have blessed this happy home circle: Paul, born December 19, 1895; Lee, born September 14, 1899; Harold, born August 4, 1903; and James Hinkle, born August 11, 1908. The two older children are now (1908) attending the public schools.

JAMES E. BITTLE.—James E. Bittle, an extensive land owner and one of the practical farmers of Gill township, Sullivan county, was born December 21, 1865, in Champaign county, Illinois. He is the son of Silas and Fannie (DeVere) Bittle, the former born in October, 1842, in Putnam county, Indiana, and now residing in Tippecanoe county. The subject's mother was born in February, 1847, in Fountain county, Indiana, and died October 11, 1908. Silas Bittle was the son of William and Landis Bittle, the former a native of Virginia who went to Indiana about

1830, locating in Putnam county, where he entered government land and remained a few years, and then disposed of his land and moved to Montgomery county, where he purchased other lands. Later, thinking to better his circumstances, he sold this tract of land and went to Fountain county. In 1868 he sold out there and went to Anderson county, Texas, and there retired. He took about sixty thousand dollars with him when he went south. He was a wonderful worker and a shrewd trader and made many large deals in stock. He died about 1878 in Palestine, Texas, and was buried in that city.

Silas Bittle, our subject's father, remained at home and assisted his father until he reached his majority, when he married and removed to Champaign county, Illinois, where he worked two years and then returned to Fountain county, Indiana, where he bought an eighty acre farm, to which later he added sixty-six acres. He remained on that place for thirteen years, then sold his farm of one hundred and forty-six acres. He then moved to Montgomery county and purchased two hundred acres, and lived there seven years, after which he sold, and bought the two hundred and forty acre farm on which he now resides, the same being situated in Tippecanoe county, Indiana. This farm is said by good and unbiased judges to be one of the finest within the entire state. Mr. Bittle is an extensive swine raiser, running mostly to Poland-China stock. The children born to Silas Bittle and wife are as follows: James E.; Frances, born March 12, 1867, married Charles McCorkle and lives in Tippecanoe county, Indiana; Alonzo, born December 14, 1869, resides in Chicago and is a traveling salesman for a drug firm, married Hattie Phillips; Luther, born September 1, 1877, resides in Tippecanoe county, married Vera Buxton.

Leaving the common schools, James E. Bittle entered DePauw College at Greencastle, Indiana, where he took a one year's course, after which he went to Purdue college, and there took a course in mechanics, being at the last named school for two years. He then taught for three winters, working on the farm during the summer months. He worked at farming until twenty-eight years of age, when he purchased a quarter section of land in Fountain county, Indiana, which in 1902 he sold and came to Sullivan county, purchasing two hundred and fifteen acres, but he traded this in May, 1908, for two hundred and eighty acres in Gill township, where he now resides, and in addition to general farming he is extensively engaged in raising many hogs. Politically Mr. Bittle is a believer in the principles of the Socialist party, but so far has voted the Democratic ticket. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife is connected with the Christian denomination. He has been an extensive traveler, having been in more than half of the states within the Union. At one time he and his brother owned a line of elevators on the Clover Leaf railroad system, but he sold out in 1906.

He was united in marriage, June 29, 1904, to Cora E. Curtis, born June 29, 1883, in Sullivan county, Indiana, a daughter of J. R. and Olive (Mooney) Curtis, the former born March 4, 1840, in Sullivan county, and the latter October 20, 1842, in Floyd county, Indiana, both of whom

are still living within Sullivan county. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bittle: Burton Keith, born April 16, 1905, and Frances Jaunetta, born October 9, 1907.

CLARENCE EDWARD COFFMAN, widely known as a breeder and trainer of fast horses, whose farm and stables are located in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, was born on the 8th of March, 1876, and is a son of the late Dr. Stuart S. Coffman, one of the leading pioneers, practicing physicians and public men of the county. The father was a citizen of such unusual activity and broad usefulness, a factor so closely identified with the higher progress of Sullivan county, that a full account of his services and a delineation of his noble character will be found in other pages of this work. Clarence E. Coffman, of this biography, is the fifth and youngest child born to Dr. and Philena (Rodman) Coffman. The mother, who is a native of Washington county, Indiana, was born September 12, 1832, and still resides in Sullivan, a devoted member of the Baptist church and an honored pioneer mother of the county.

Mr. Coffman was educated in the public schools of Sullivan, graduating from its high school with the class of 1895. He then became associated with his father in the breeding and sale of standard and fast horses, and from 1899 to 1902 also conducted a drug business. Following his inclinations and obvious talents, however, he abandoned his drug store and resumed the sole raising and handling of horses, in which specialty he has attained such high standing. In 1903 Mr. Coffman centered his business on a fine stock farm of two hundred and seventy-seven acres, where he owns twenty-five head of registered trotting stock and operates a first-class boarding and training stable. Among this fine array of animals may be named: "Wyoming," a trotting sire with a record of 2:29 $\frac{1}{4}$; "Joe W.," 2:16 $\frac{1}{2}$; "Gertrude," 2:26; "Alleene W.," 2:25; "Molly Wilkes," 2:22 $\frac{1}{2}$; "Philena Coffman," 2:21 $\frac{1}{2}$; and "Bill Ijams," 2:23 $\frac{1}{4}$ —all these figures being trotting records. Since 1904 Mr. Coffman has also been operating a public stable on his farm, which has met with marked success and which has enabled him to give records to other animals than his own, including the following: "Maxie C.," 2:16 $\frac{1}{2}$, trotting; "Fortune," 2:17 $\frac{1}{2}$, trotting; "Nightingale," 2:36, pacing; and "Red Hooker," 2:45, trotting. "Philena Coffman," before mentioned, is the first two-year-old to reach a record of 2:30 in Sullivan county, and "Gertrude" is the only horse in the county that ever won a purse over a Grand Circuit track. He has raised colts from such noted sires as "Axtell," "Margrave," "Baron Review," "Boreal," "The Captain," "Redette" and "Axcyone." He is also a well-known breeder of Jersey and Hereford cattle and fancy Berkshire swine. Mr. Coffman is a thorough believer in Democracy, both in the conduct of party and the general affairs of the world. He has made an eminent success of his business, but has never advanced at the expense of his good name or the deep respect of his home community.

Married April 19, 1899, to Miss Alice McDonald, Mr. Coffman's

wife is a native of Roscoe, Ohio, born January 27, 1878, and a daughter of James W. and Margaret (Graves) McDonald. Mrs. Coffman removed to Sullivan with her parents in her early childhood, was reared and educated in the county, attended the State Normal, and was engaged in teaching for four years preceding her marriage. The children of this union are Dorothy and Mary Catherine Coffman, and the mother is an earnest member of the Christian church.

STUART S. COFFMAN, M. D. (deceased)—One of the broadest minded and most useful citizens of Sullivan, and an able and deeply beloved physician of many years' standing, the late Dr. Stuart S. Coffman was born near Zanesville, Ohio, on the 12th of March, 1828, and died at his beautiful hotel and home in the city named, on the 15th of November, 1903. At an early age he came with his parents to Greenville, Floyd county, Indiana, and resided on a farm near that place until he reached his majority. During his boyhood he attended Greenville Seminary, and in 1851 was matriculated at the Kentucky School of Medicine, in March of the latter year entering the medical department of the Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky, from which he graduated in 1852, with his degree of M. D. He then located for practice at Orleans, Indiana, where he continued until 1859, when he became a resident of Sullivan, residing there for the remainder of his life as an active practitioner, an honored citizen and a public man of strong and high influence.

Dr. Coffman was engaged in the active practice of his profession from 1859 to 1881, and during that period he was perhaps as widely known and as deeply revered as any citizen of the county. This was also the time of his most prominent public service. Always a firm and earnest Democrat, he served as chairman of the county central committee for ten years; was a member of the town board and the school board, and in 1872-6 represented Sullivan county in the legislature. In connection with his practice, Dr. Coffman engaged in the drug business, but when he retired from both, in 1881, removed to his farm near Sullivan, where for seven years he devoted his time to the raising of fine cattle and fast horses. In 1888 he returned to town, where he was an extensive real estate owner and the proprietor of a fine hotel until his death in 1903.

From the days of his early manhood Dr. Coffman was an active Mason, and at the time of his death had filled all the local offices, having been past master of his lodge for many years. Sullivan Lodge No. 263, of which he was so long a member, noted his death with the profoundest evidences of regret and high appreciation of his services and character. Its touching resolutions of respect and condolence referred to him as "eminently successful in his profession"; as one who "took an active part in all public affairs in connection with the history of the county in the earlier part of his life"; and "was respected and honored by the community in which he lived and died, and venerated by his neighbors and friends." After noting that "Brother Coffman was made a Mason prior

to his coming to Sullivan in 1859"; that he had lived to see the roster of the local lodge completely changed, the resolutions concluded as follows: "Brother Coffman lived a consistent Mason and kept his mind and conscience divested of all the vices and superfluities of life, thereby filling his body as a living statue for that spiritual building—that house not made with hands—eternal in the heavens.

"Therefore, be it resolved, That in the death of Brother Coffman his widow has lost a devoted companion, his children a loving and kind father, Sullivan Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 263, a true and faithful member, and the community an honored and respected citizen.

"Next, a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family of the deceased, and published in each of the county papers and spread on the records of the lodge."

The funeral of the deceased, which was largely attended, was conducted by Sullivan Lodge, and the remains were interred at Center Ridge Cemetery. The Doctor was also an Odd Fellow in good standing.

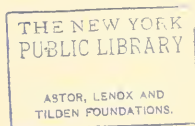
In 1852 Dr. Coffman was united in marriage to Miss Philena S. Rodman, and the following children were born of this union: William, who died in infancy; Ida; Mamie, wife of George T. Johnson; Ella, now Mrs. T. P. Townes and superintendent of the business interests of the Coffman estate in Sullivan; and Clarence Edward, of this sketch. The surviving widow resides in Sullivan as a revered pioneer of the county and a devoted member of the Baptist church, her birth having occurred in Washington county, Indiana, on the 12th of September, 1832.

RICHARD ADAMS, one of the enterprising agriculturists of Turman township, Sullivan county, was born March 31, 1845, in Devonshire, England, a son of William G. and Mary Ann (Tucker) Adams, both born in England. Six children were born to these parents in England and one in Illinois, namely: John, now deceased; William, residing in Turman township; Thomas, deceased; Richard, subject; Samuel, deceased; George, deceased; Henry, born in this country and now deceased. The parents came to America when Richard was yet a small boy. The family located in Clark county, Illinois, and remained there about five years, when they moved to Turman township, Sullivan county, Indiana, where the father and mother both died. The father was always a farmer, and in his political views a Democrat. Both he and the good wife were members of the Baptist church.

Richard Adams, of this memoir, had but little opportunity to obtain an education. He attended school taught in a log building, the floor and seats of which were made of puncheon, the latter resting on natural sticks for legs. There were no desks in front of the seats, but a board against the wall served for the scholars to write on. There being no windows, the light was admitted through greased paper covering an aperture in the wall. He remained at home until he was of age. He enlisted in the Seventy-first Indiana Volunteer Regiment, being a member of Company



Richard Adams



I, the date of his enlistment being August, 1863. He was wounded in the left arm at Richmond, Kentucky, and was honorably discharged on account of disability. After the close of the rebellion he resumed farming with his father and continued until the latter's death, when he inherited a part of the old homestead. He now owns a farm of five hundred and one acres, upon which he resides and carries on a general farming business in which he is highly successful, and he has a nice set of buildings, recently erected. Politically he is a supporter of Democratic principles. He is a member of the Blue lodge of the Masonic order at Graysville.

Mr. Adams has been married five times. His first wife was Mary Wells, born in Ohio. One daughter was the fruit of this union, Martha, now deceased. His second wife was Rebecca J. Chandler, born in Casey, Illinois; now deceased. One daughter was born of this marriage, Lula, who died aged six years. For the third wife Mr. Adams married Louisa Ash, born in Greene county, Indiana, and she is also deceased. Two children were born of this union—Rebecca, deceased; and Minnie, wife of John Osborn, residing in Turman township, and have two children, Mabel C. and Hazel. For the fourth companion Mr. Adams married Martha Burnett Adams, a widow of the subject's brother Thomas. She is also deceased, and three of her children were reared—Madge, unmarried and at home; Gertrude, wife of William Lottery and mother of two children, Harold and Martha E.; and Bertha, who married George Burton and has two sons, Forest A. and Hubbard. His present wife's maiden name was Lulu Rogers, who with her husband are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

VACHEL D. CUMMINS, a retired farmer and one of the veterans of the civil war, residing at Sullivan, Indiana, was born May 30, 1842, at Terre Haute, a son of John A. and Mary (Crist) Cummins, the former a native of Kentucky, born in 1813, and the latter of Clark county, Indiana. The father came to Indiana in 1819 with his parents. The grandfather, named Robert Cummins, located in Curry township and remained until his death. The great-grandfather was born in Scotland, and with his four brothers emigrated to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania. Our subject's father and mother were married in Clay county, living for a time on a farm there on land now included within the city of Terre Haute. Subsequently they removed to Lewis, Vigo county, and still later to Curry township, Sullivan county, where Vachel D. was reared and where the parents spent the remainder of their days. The mother died in the sixties and the father in the eighties. He followed farming for a livelihood, and by trade was a carpenter. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The children born to this worthy couple were as follows: David, deceased; Sareptia, deceased; Vachel D.; Joseph; Eliza Jane; Nancy, deceased; and John A., Jr.

Vachel D. Cummins was educated in Curry township and remained at home until twenty years of age, and then engaging in farm pursuits on his own account, continued until the autumn of 1891, when he removed to

Sullivan. He was elected to the office of county recorder in the fall of 1890, on the Democratic ticket, taking the office in the fall of that year, and served until 1898, holding two terms. In 1900 he engaged in the marble business with M. E. Drake, continuing until 1906. He served eight years as township trustee of Jackson township. That Mr. Cummins was patriotic is shown by the fact that at the time of the Civil war he served from October 13, 1864, to October 13, 1865, as a member of Company B, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry. He participated in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee, and at Spring Hill and other engagements.

He was united in marriage, March 10, 1863, to Minerva Watts, born in Anderson county, Kentucky, December 31, 1842, a daughter of Woodford and Lacy (Steele) Watts. They came to Indiana in the fifties, locating near Fairbanks, in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, but later removed to Jackson township, where they lived until their death. They were farmers and reared a family of ten children, five of whom are still living. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Cummins are as follows: Francis Verdie, residing in Jackson township, married Lucinda Price and has four children, named Gladys, William D., Francis R. and Esther. Vachel Dean resides at Hymera, Indiana, engaged in the hardware business. He married Maude Asbury and has three children, named Floyd, Ralph and Ruth. Lura Etna, now deceased, married Daniel Berline and left three children, named Lola, Arval and Etna. Wint resides at Hymera, Indiana, engaged in the drug trade. He married Margaret Boston and has two children, Max and Bernice. John died in infancy. Charles lives at Terre Haute, where he works at the harness trade. He married Zona Luzador, who died leaving two children, Hazel and Ruel. Mary resides in South Dakota, the wife of Dr. James Gregg. Kerthbert died in infancy. William M. resides in Chicago, unmarried, and is a druggist. Delbert M. resides at Hymera, Indiana, and is a clothier. He married Lottie Cummins, and has one child, Mildred. James, unmarried, is in California, a stone mason by trade. Jesse, unmarried, resides with his brother in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummins are members of the United Brethren church, and he is connected with the Odd Fellows order and the Grand Army of the Republic post at Sullivan, Indiana. The father, John A. Cummins, was a prominent character in Sullivan county during his lifetime. In politics he was a firm believer in the fundamental principles of the Democratic party and served nine years as a county commissioner. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Nicholas Crist, was a pioneer in Clark county and later in Lewis township of Clay county, where he spent his last years.

PETER B. MAY, one of the representatives of the legal profession in Sullivan, Indiana, and for many years a preacher in the Church of Christ, is a native of Orange county, Indiana, born May 1, 1864, a son of John Wesley and Susan Carr May. The father was born in Monroe

county, Indiana, December 25, 1824, and died at Bedford, Indiana, in November, 1904. He was of German descent and had always followed agricultural pursuits, both in Monroe and Orange counties. Politically he was a Democrat, and in his lodge connections was a Mason. He retired at Bedford, Indiana. Peter B. May's mother was born in Orange county June 7, 1840, and now resides with her son Peter B. Both she and her husband were members of the Christian church. Their children were as follows: Mary C., now the wife of Winepark Fields, residing at Cale, Indiana; Peter B., of this sketch; and Belle M., now the wife of Thomas Roach, of Cale, Indiana.

Peter B. May was reared on a farm and obtained his early education at the district school and later attended the Normal College at Mitchell, Indiana. After completing his course at that institution, he attended the Elliottsville Training School, where he took a literary course. He then entered the Bible College at Lexington, Kentucky. Having a taste for the study of law, he pursued the study of this science at the Indianapolis Law College, but was admitted to the bar before he left the Law College, which was in 1901. Upon leaving Law College he was admitted to both the Federal and Supreme court bars of Indiana. He commenced the practice of law at Bedford in 1902 and practiced there until 1906, and then moved to Sullivan, where he has practiced since. He was state's attorney for Indiana in the case of Indiana against Ulysses G. Sutherland for the murder of his wife at New Albany, Indiana, in the spring of 1906. This trial lasted for one month lacking three days.

Politically Mr. May is a firm supporter of the Democratic party, and in 1908 he was a candidate for prosecuting attorney. He is a thoroughly self-made man, having to push his own way through the earlier years of his manhood unaided by influential friends. He followed the ministry for seventeen years, preaching at points in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Indian Territory and Texas, but he claimed Bedford as his home. He also preached much in Sullivan county, Indiana, and does yet when occasion seems to demand it. The church of his choice is that of the Church of Christ. He is a member of the Tribe of Ben Hur at Sullivan, being a "beneficial" member of this organization.

Mr. May was married, December 30, 1896, to Estella Gertrude Neal, born at Bicknell, Knox county, Indiana, December 6, 1875. She was educated in her native county and was reared on a farm and taught to perform well the duties of such an independent life, which has ever been of excellent practical service to her. By this union two children have been born: Joy Dexter and Mary Belle.

IRA AUGUSTUS NESBIT, proprietor of the flouring mills at Sullivan, is a native of Hamilton township, Sullivan county, Indiana, born September 24, 1855, a son of William O. and Nancy Jane (Eaton) Nesbit. The father was born in Kentucky December 26, 1825, and died June 22, 1896, in Nebraska. The Nesbits are of Welsh descent. Mr. Nesbit's

mother was a life-long resident of Hamilton township, and she died in 1876. After the death of his first wife William O. Nesbit married Louise A. McKinley, a native of Sullivan county, who now resides in Fairbury, Nebraska. He followed farming for his occupation, coming to Sullivan county when but six years of age with his parents, Thomas and Betsey (Morgan) Nesbit, who entered some of the first land from the government taken up in this section of the state. They both died in Sullivan county. William O. Nesbit served in the Eighty-fifth Indiana infantry regiment, being a member of Company H, under Captain W. T. Crawford, for three years during the Civil war period. Politically he was an advocate of the principles of the Republican party. In the latter part of the seventies he moved to Fairbury, Nebraska, and there in a new but fertile section purchased a farm of eighty acres, upon which he died. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church, in which body he served as an elder for a number of years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. William O. Nesbit are as follows: John, of Sullivan county; Euphratus H., of Hamilton township; Ira A., of this memoir; Sarah E., wife of Albert K. Boyle, of Sullivan county; William R., of Sullivan, whose sketch will appear in this work; and Anna Elizabeth, wife of Hardy Reins, residing in Hamilton township.

Ira A. Nesbit was reared on the farm, surrounded by the scenes of genuine rural life, and he remained at home until about twenty years of age, when he commenced to farm on his own account, continuing for a quarter of a century. He then sold his place and moved to Sullivan in 1898. Here he purchased a grist mill which belonged to J. T. Reid, which he has since been successfully operating as a custom mill, also buying and selling grain. In his political choice he favors the platforms of the Republican party. He has prudently become a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, which provides him with a safe life insurance, as well as giving him other fraternal benefits throughout his life. Mr. Nesbit and family are exemplary members of the Christian church.

One of the important events in this man's career was his marriage, in 1883, to Myrtle J. Johnson, born in Turman township March 31, 1865. She was educated in the schools of her native township. Her parents, who were natives of Sullivan county, Indiana, and both now deceased, were Cyrus and Catherine (McClanahan) Johnson. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nesbit to cheer and brighten their home circle: Glennalda, born December 7, 1884, is now attending De Pauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. She has already taught three terms of school in the country districts in Sullivan county. Grace Lois, born August 16, 1886, now teaching in Sullivan county.

ABRAHAM THOMAS HAZELRIGG, known by the people of Sullivan county by reason of his fifteen years' service as a school teacher, as well as having been the deputy county treasurer a number of years, will form the subject of this memoir. He was born September 17, 1867,

in Curry township, Sullivan county, Indiana, a son of William and Mary (Douglas) Hazelrigg. William Hazelrigg was the son of John W. Hazelrigg, who was a native of Kentucky, born 1817, and died at Farmersburg, Indiana, in 1884. The grandmother of Abraham T. Hazelrigg was Elizabeth Lloyd, born in Kentucky in 1817, and died in 1887, at Farmersburg, Indiana. This worthy couple were of Scotch-Irish descent. Samuel Douglas, the maternal grandfather, was a native of Virginia, born in 1802, and died in Curry township, Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1875. Sarah, his wife, was born in Kentucky in 1807, and died in 1891, in Curry township, this county, and they were of Irish lineage. The great-grandfather, William Hazelrigg, was born in 1794, and his wife Elizabeth, in 1795. The grandfather, John W. Hazelrigg, came to Sullivan county and entered what was known as canal land in Fairbanks township. He finally retired from the toils and cares of his farm and died at Farmersburg, Indiana. The maternal grandfather, Samuel Douglas, of Virginia, came to Indiana at about the same time as did the Hazelriggs. He married Sarah Jewell, a native of Kentucky. Mr. Douglas took up land in Curry township and died there in 1875.

Our subject's father and mother were married in Curry township in the early sixties. Both the father and grandfather always followed farm life. In his political choice the father was a Democrat and he belonged to the Odd Fellows order and the Christian church, as did also his wife in her lifetime. Mrs. Mary (Douglas) Hazelrigg, the mother of Abraham T., was born in 1840 and died in 1875. After her death Mr. Hazelrigg married for a second wife Rebecca Peak, born in Sullivan county, Indiana, and she still survives. To the first union there were born seven children, as follows: Lethia, wife of George A. McCord; Oliver, deceased; John S., of Curry township; Abraham T.; Albert E., of Sullivan; Rebecca A., wife of D. C. McKinney; and one who died in infancy. By the second marriage there is no issue. William Hazelrigg was for many years a successful agriculturist and paid much attention to stock raising. He was public spirited and ever took an active part in the work of the church of his choice—the Christian. He died March 17, 1908.

Abraham T. Hazelrigg, a son of William and Mary (Douglas) Hazelrigg, lived on the old homestead with his father and attended the district schools of his neighborhood and later the Sullivan Normal for several terms. Having acquired a good education, he taught school for fifteen years in Sullivan county. Before teaching, however, he had attended the State Normal at Terre Haute, and subsequently the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, graduating in the teachers' course with the class of 1894. From January 1, 1902, to January 1, 1908, he served as deputy county treasurer of Sullivan county having been elected on the Democratic ticket. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank at Shelburn, and helped to organize the bank in 1905. He is a member of the Odd Fellows order, including the Encampment and Rebekah degrees. He is a member of the Christian church at Sullivan, Indiana.

Mr. Hazelrigg was married on June 29, 1898, to Genevra Dix, born in Curry township, Sullivan county, February 13, 1879. She was educated in the public schools, and remained at home until her marriage. She is the daughter of William T. and Parintha B. (Pierson) Dix, both residing in Hamilton township and both born and reared in Indiana, he in Sullivan and she in Vigo county. He is a farmer and stock raiser.

WILLIAM M. DRAPER, who is numbered among the important business factors of the enterprising inland city of Sullivan, Indiana, and who is engaged in the bottling industry, is a native of Sullivan county, Indiana, born February 8, 1861, in Curry township, a son of Solomon and Amy Ann (Oakes) Draper. Of his parentage it may be said that the father was a native of Ohio, born near Baden on the 8th of April, 1831, and he died in Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1904. The mother, Amy Ann (Oakes) Draper, was born in Indiana and is still living. They were united in marriage in Sullivan county, and the father of William M. was an industrious agriculturist in Curry township and followed that for his livelihood until the son was about seven years of age, when the family moved to Sullivan, where the father worked at the blacksmith's trade until he retired from actual hard service. Politically he was a staunch Democrat, and in church relations was connected with the Christian denomination, the wife being of the same faith. The four children born to Solomon Draper and wife were as follows: Isaac S., a resident of Bloomington, Indiana; Theodosia, deceased; Laura, wife of William Timmons, residing in Sullivan; and William M., of this sketch, who has two half-sisters—Caroline and Elizabeth, unmarried.

William M. Draper was reared and educated within Sullivan county, Indiana, and at the age of fifteen years began as a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company under F. E. Basler at Sullivan, with whom he worked five years—the first year as messenger boy and the remaining four years at handling freight and baggage. He was then on the Evansville & Terre Haute Railway, at various points along their system as agent, for six months, after which he took the agency of the road at Summerville, Indiana, which position he filled two years, and then served at Hazelton, Indiana, two years. He next moved back to Sullivan, and was agent for the Adams Express Company nine years. He relinquished this position in February, 1896, and engaged in the bottling business at Sullivan. He now possesses a fine, modern planned plant. The building is made of cement blocks and is located near the Evansville & Terre Haute railway depot. Besides bottling all sorts of soft drinks he acts as the local agent for the Terre Haute Brewing Company.

In his political understanding he agrees with the principles of the Democratic party. Among the local offices he has held may be mentioned that of member of the town board. He is associated with the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and is also a member of the Eagles order.

Concerning his domestic relations let it be said that in 1880 he was married to Isabelle Plunkett, born in Sullivan county, Indiana, March 2, 1861, and died August 30, 1901. One son was born of this union, Alexander E., born August 8, 1881, and is now a married man and associated with his father in the bottling business, the firm name being styled The Sullivan Steam Bottling Works and City Artificial Ice Delivery. This concern is the only one in Sullivan handling ice. For his second wife Mr. Draper married Viola R. Sligar, born in Sullivan county in 1880. Both wives were members of the Christian church.

WILLIAM WILLIS, of Sullivan and well known throughout the county, was born on a farm in Lamott township, Crawford county, Illinois, on the 14th of August, 1851. His father, Richard Willis, was formerly from Kentucky, and was a farmer by occupation. He died in 1857. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Tempy Ann Webb. She died 1855, leaving three small children: Emeline, the oldest, married Amos Misenhelder, of Palestine, Illinois, and is now deceased. Isabelle, the youngest, married Joseph B. Pearson, of Sullivan, and is also deceased. Upon the death of their parents the children found homes among strangers.

Our subject lived with a farmer in Crawford county until eleven years of age, and then ran away and spent a winter with an uncle in the same county. He then went to live with Seymour Siler, and remained with him until fifteen years old, and then with an uncle who had returned from California visited his sisters, from whom he had been separated since their father's death. He then found a home with George W. French, a farmer living south of Merom. During this time he had attended school but little, but after becoming a member of Mr. French's family he attended school more regularly, and a part of each year during five years attended Merom College. In the fall of 1873 he commenced teaching at Merom Station. He taught a part of each year for three years and was employed at farming during the summer seasons. In 1880 he was elected township trustee of Gill township, and served for four years, and in the fall of 1886 was elected county auditor and served two terms of four years each. He then engaged in the real estate, loan and insurance business in Sullivan, and has continued in that business until the present time.

He first married Sarah L. Ward on the 23d of July, 1875. She was the daughter of Samuel and Sarah Ward, and was a graduate of Merom College and became a teacher. She died in 1877. His second marriage, on the 9th of April, 1879, was to Mary E. Sibley. She was born in Hamilton township, a daughter of William T. and Cecelia Sibley. The following children have blessed this union: Carl M., Flossie, Cecelia, William E., Ralph R., and Burchard. Carl M. was educated in the public schools of Sullivan and assisted his father until his death, which occurred December 12, 1902, aged twenty-two years. Flossie C. married Herbert C. Steele, of Robinson, Illinois. William E. married

Rhoda Boyle and had one child, Mary Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Willis are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and have reared their family in that faith. Mr. Willis cast his first vote for Horace Greeley and has been a supporter of the principles of the Democratic party since. He is a member of Sullivan lodge, F. & A. M., Sullivan chapter, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Sullivan, and the orders of the Eastern Star and the Rebekahs, and Sullivan lodge, K. of P.

JOHN B. MULLANE, a dealer in hardware, implements and buggies at Sullivan, will form the subject of this biography. Mr. Mullane is a native of New York City, born November 29, 1854, a son of James and Julia (Sullivan) Mullane. The father was a native of Ireland and died in Libby Prison, Virginia, where he was held a prisoner of war during the rebellion. The mother was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and died in New York City in 1861. By trade the father was a cooper, having learned the same in Cincinnati, to which city he went when a boy, and where he was married. Politically he was a staunch Democrat, and both he and his wife were devoted members of the Roman Catholic church. They were parents to the following five children: Catherine, deceased; Daniel, residing in Boston, Massachusetts, where he is a traveling salesman; John B., of this notice; Dr. Joseph, deceased; and Ella, deceased.

John B. Mullane attended the public schools until eighteen years of age, after which he went to college at Bedford, Indiana. He was reared in Lawrence county, and came to Indiana when aged eight years. He made his home with Charles Trueblood, with whom he remained ten years. He farmed and worked for his board winters, going to school, thus showing that he appreciated a good education. Later he taught school two terms in Lawrence county, and then began clerking in a general merchandise store. Coming to Sullivan in 1879 he was employed by the firm of Hostetler & Williams, general dealers, with whom he continued for two years. After leaving this store he, having become acquainted with such work, found employment with other business houses there until about 1895, when he embarked in the real estate business and also farmed. In 1900 he opened his present store, consisting of hardware, implements and vehicles. He operated independently for three years, when he induced his father-in-law, George Price, to become his partner, and then added furniture to his stock of goods. The firm name is now J. B. Mullane & Company. Besides his mercantile interests he is a stockholder and director of the Citizens' Trust Company of Sullivan. On the 3d of February of the present year his store with its contents burned and entailed a loss of twenty-five thousand dollars, with but forty-five per cent insurance.

In his political views Mr. Mullane is a pronounced Republican. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Odd Fellows order.

In the month of March, 1884, he was united in marriage to Teresa

Price, born in Sullivan July 4, 1862, and educated in the public schools and at Eminence College, Kentucky. She is the daughter of George and Mollie (Wolf) Price. They have three children living and one deceased: Beulah (deceased), Joseph W., Daniel F. and Price. Joseph graduated in the class of 1908 at the high school. Mr. and Mrs. Mullane are members of the Christian church, he having been identified with this body since 1872 and has been an officer since about 1885. He has been Sunday School superintendent and is now one of the trustees.

JOHN F. DOUTHITT, one of the enterprising dealers in clothing and gentlemen's furnishings at Sullivan, was born in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, March 28, 1865, a son of John M. and Mary A. (Howard) Douthitt. The father was born and reared on the same farm on which the son was born. The date of his birth was March 17, 1836, and that of his death May 2, 1904. The mother was also a native of the same township, born September 19, 1841, and she still survives and is residing on the old farmstead. The grandfather, Ira Douthitt, was a native of North Carolina, and was one of the pioneer settlers of Sullivan county, Indiana. They were of Swedish descent. The grandmother Howard was born in Ireland.

John M. Douthitt, the father, followed agricultural pursuits, owning at the time of his death one hundred and eighty-five acres of land, all finely improved. He was in politics a Democrat. During the Civil war he served his country six months in the Union army. He was, and his widow is, a member of the First Baptist church at Indian Prairie. This worthy couple were the parents of the following children: Victoria, wife of George Lucas, residing in Knox county, Indiana; James E., of Sullivan; John F., of this sketch; Grace, wife of William P. Medley, of Sullivan; William R., unmarried and living on the old homestead with his mother; Mary, wife of George Robins, of Knox county, Indiana; Estella, wife of Frank Robins, fruit grower near Paxton, Indiana; Lee, residing on a farm in Knox county, Indiana, and is married; Lucy Edith, wife of Alonzo C. Owens, of Sullivan; Glenn, now teaching at Pleasantville, Indiana; and Nellie, who died in infancy.

John F. Douthitt, of this narrative, spent his youthful days on his father's farm and attended the public schools, remaining under the paternal roof until he was twenty-three years of age, when he commenced to farm on his own account in Haddon township. After three years he sold out and moved to Pleasantville, engaging in the general mercantile business, which he prosecuted about five years, with much energy. He next embarked in the milling business at Pleasantville, and made flour for four years, after which he returned to the store and there remained until the autumn of 1899, when he was chosen deputy treasurer of Sullivan county. He served for fourteen months and then was employed by J. W. Wolfe & Son in the clothing business, remaining until May, 1906. At the date last named he with Ira Glidden formed a partnership under the firm name of Glidden & Douthitt, and they engaged in the clothing and gentle-

men's furnishing goods business at Sullivan. This business is carried on by them at this time in a most successful manner.

In his political choice Mr. Douthitt is a Democrat. In fraternal society relations he is a member of the Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, and Ben Hur societies. He was united in marriage, March 15, 1888, to Dora E. Shake, born in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, August 9, 1870, a daughter of David and Eliza (Corbin) Shake, natives of Sullivan county. The father is still living, but the mother died January 20, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Douthitt are the parents of four children: Effie, who graduated with the class of 1908 from the Sullivan high school; Zadie; Ella; and Raymond. The family are all members of the Baptist church, and Mr. Douthitt is its treasurer and deacon.

EDGAR STEWART CROWDER, now operating an automobile garage in Sullivan, is a native of Sullivan, Indiana, born May 12, 1864, a son of William H. and Rebecca C. (Stewart) Crowder. (See sketch of William H. Crowder, Sr.) Edgar Stewart was educated in Sullivan and at Purdue University, graduating with the class of 1887 in the mechanical engineering course of that institution. After leaving the university he engaged in the milling business at Shelburn, Indiana, operating a flour mill some three years, after which time he went to Payne, Alabama, and was engaged in the grain and feed business for two years. He then returned to Sullivan, Indiana, in 1891, since which date he has resided there. He was engaged in the milling industry there and in the mills of the county, the main offices of the company being at Sullivan, while branches were maintained at Marion and New Lebanon. In July, 1907, Mr. Crowder sold out the milling interests he held and operated a general store at New Lebanon, beginning December, 1906. In the month of August, 1907, he opened an automobile garage in Sullivan, and still carries on the same with much success. He handles the Mitchell, Rambler and Maxwell cars, and also does all kinds of repair work, having a fully equipped and thoroughly up-to-date garage.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Crowder is affiliated with the Blue lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and with the Odd Fellows to the Encampment degree, having filled all the chairs in the last named order and been its representative at the Grand Lodge of Indiana. He also holds a membership with the Knights of Pythias and the Elks, all of Sullivan. Politically he is a staunch Democrat, and has served on the town council, and takes much interest in public affairs in the community in which he resides. In the years 1893 and 1894 he was the county surveyor of Sullivan county.

On October 22, 1888, he married Amelia Frank, born in Quincy, Illinois, December 10, 1868. She was educated primarily at Fort Worth, Texas, and also attended the Sullivan schools in Indiana. She is the daughter of William and Amelia Frank. The former is deceased, and the latter resides at Fort Payne, Alabama. The children born to Mr. and

Mrs. Crowder are as follows: Max Frank, born November 22, 1889, now reading law in Chicago with Castle, Williams & Castle. He graduated from the Sullivan high schools with the class of 1906 and attended the university at Bloomington, Indiana, one year. Mary, born August 17, 1891, now in the Sullivan high school; Helen, born June 11, 1896; and Edgar S., Jr., born June 22, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Crowder are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM H. BRIDWELL.—The efficient county attorney of Sullivan county, Indiana, William H. Bridwell, was born October 14, 1872, in Owensburg, Indiana, son of Lafayette and Katherine (Keenan) Bridwell. The father was a native of Springville, Indiana, and was born in 1850, dying in 1901. He was of French and English ancestry. Grandfather Noah Bridwell was a pioneer in Lawrence county, Indiana, and died near Springville before the birth of William H. The mother was born in New York City, April 30, 1852, and now resides with her son William H. Her mother was a Kern and a native of Ireland, and she died in the early nineties. Mr. Bridwell's grandfather Keenan died during the Civil war. Lafayette Bridwell was a physician and surgeon who practiced at Owensburg, Indiana, being graduated from some one of the medical colleges of Cincinnati, Ohio. In politics he was a staunch Democrat and was postmaster at Owensburg under President Cleveland's administration. He was a member of the Blue lodge of the Masonic order, and also belonged to the Independent Order of Red Men. Having served in the Union army during the Civil war as a member of the Forty-fifth Indiana Regiment, he naturally found a place in the Grand Army of the Republic. The children born to Lafayette Bridwell and wife were as follows: Minnie, deceased; Frank, of Bedford, Indiana; John, deceased; William H., of this notice; Samuel, residing in Sullivan, Indiana; Nina, unmarried and lives with William H.; and Curtis, attending the law department of the Indiana University. The mother of these children was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

William H. Bridwell received his early education at the public schools of Owensburg, and taught school from the time he was sixteen until he was twenty-one years of age, in Greene county. He then matriculated in the Indiana State University, being in the law department of that institution. He was graduated with the class of 1898, having been admitted to the bar three years prior to his graduation. He was in partnership with C. D. Hunt, of Sullivan, from October, 1895, until 1897, during this time acting as deputy prosecuting attorney. He re-entered the university in February, 1898, being graduated the same year. Upon his return to Sullivan in February, 1899, he opened his present law office on the corner of Court and Jackson streets. He was reappointed deputy prosecuting attorney in October, 1899, and served two years under E. W. McIntosh. In June, 1900, he was elected county attorney by the county commissioners and has served continuously ever since.

Mr. Bridwell is a member of the Odd Fellows order; he is in the Encampment and has held the office of noble grand and is past chief patriarch of the Encampment; he belongs to the Rebekahs and the Canton. In Masonry he is advanced, being a member of the Blue lodge, Chapter, Council and Eastern Star. He is also counted among the worthy members of the orders of Elks and Eagles at Sullivan. Politically he is an active Democrat and has served as secretary and treasurer of the central committee, and is now its chairman. He was honored by being the president of the Sullivan County Bar Association from Thanksgiving, 1906, to Thanksgiving, 1907.

SAMUEL A. WHITE.—Formerly a merchant, but now a capitalist and operator in various financial institutions, Samuel A. White is widely known in Sullivan county. He was born in Prairieton, Vigo county, Indiana, February 12, 1850, a son of George E. and Naomi (Gunn) White. The father, who was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, died when Samuel A. was but two years of age. Samuel White, the grandfather, was born in Germany. The mother was born in Kentucky in 1829, and died in 1904. She was twice married.

Samuel A. White left home at the age of ten years and worked on a farm in Otter Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, for Warren Genuing, with whom he remained one year. The following summer he was employed in the same neighborhood. When he became thirteen years of age he went to Terre Haute, living with his uncle, William Pattock, and entered the public schools, first attending the White Rose school. When fourteen years old he commenced as a newsboy on the Indiana & St. Louis Railroad, but soon abandoned that project. He next entered a confectionery store at Terre Haute, with a Mr. Sage, with whom he remained between five and six years. He then went to Fort Scott, Kansas, where he established a confectionery store, which after three months he sold. He returned to Terre Haute and found employment in a grocery store on the corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, where he made candy at night for another dealer. After a short time there, in February, 1872, he went to Sullivan and purchased a candy store, which he operated for four years, selling it in 1876 and going back to Terre Haute and entering into partnership with his cousin, Moses C. Carr, in the grocery trade. After one year there he sold his interest and went to Carlisle, Indiana, opening a new grocery store in November, 1878, which was burned in the following February; but within one week he was in business again across the street.

The Masonic order of Carlisle, jointly with him, erected a two-story brick building in which he opened a store, handling general merchandise. Besides this store building he also erected a residence. Although having built up a good trade, in four and a half years he sold out and went into the drug business at Petersburg, Pike county, Indiana, where he remained two years. He then sold his stock and went to Clay City, Clay county, and bought the only drug store of that place. After six months he sold

this and went to Sullivan and there engaged in the drug trade, conducting it for five or six years, when he again sold out, after which he directed his attention to his farm for nearly five years. In 1895 he bought the drug business of Paul S. Ried, which stock he sold in 1898. Since the late date he has been busily engaged in looking after his sundry financial interests. When the National Bank of Sullivan was organized in June, 1900, he was one of the charter members, and is now a director and stockholder. He is also a charter member and director of the Sullivan County Loan & Trust Company. Mr. White is also interested as stockholder and is secretary and treasurer of the Hamilton Gas & Oil Company, and is the owner of an excellent farm within Sullivan county.

Politically Mr. White supports the Republican party, locally and nationally. He is connected with the Odd Fellows order, having advanced to the Encampment degree. He is alive to every interest of his home town and county. In 1875 he was married to Rebecca M. Pearce, a native of Haddon township, Sullivan county. Two children bless this union: Robert P., editor of the *Sullivan Union*, and who married Bertha B. Briggs; Gertrude A., wife of W. E. Parrott, a solicitor for the Vandalia Railroad Company, residing in Kansas City, Missouri. Both of Mr. White's children received good educations at the public schools of Sullivan county. Mrs. White is a member of the Presbyterian church. Her mother, Virginia Pearce, now ninety-three years of age and living at Carlisle, was there during the Indian raids, and Haddon township was named in honor of her father.

ELIJAH E. RUSSELL, deputy county auditor of Sullivan county, Indiana, born April 8, 1867, is a native of Curry township, Sullivan county. He is the son of Spencer and Elizabeth (Gaskins) Russell. The Russells are of Irish ancestry. In the various generations there are many farmers, including the father of Elijah E. Spencer Russell was born in Kentucky and came to Indiana with his parents when a mere lad. Politically he was a Democrat, and in church relations both he and his wife were members of the Christian church. She died late in the nineties, and he in 1906. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Margaret, deceased; Mary Ann, wife of James H. Reed, a resident of Curry township; Serena, wife of Robert Taylor, residing in Sullivan; James Milburne, deceased; Elijah Edward, of this sketch; Manna, wife of John H. Allen, residing at Farmersburg, Indiana; and Joseph W., residing in Sullivan.

Being reared on a farm, Elijah E. Russell attended the county district schools. He remained on the home place and was its manager for eight years, from the time he was twenty-one up to his twenty-ninth year. He also during this period learned and worked at the carpenter's trade. About 1897 he purchased an eighty acre farm in Curry township, upon which he lived until 1904, when he took his seat as county auditor of Sullivan county, to which office he was elected on the Democratic ticket

in 1902. Besides his farm in Curry township he owns his residence in Sullivan. He is a director of the Verdegriis River Land & Oil Company of Oklahoma; also director of the Tri-State Oil Company of Illinois. While Mr. Russell was on the farm he did much carpentering and contracting in partnership with J. H. Collins, working for nineteen consecutive years and taking contracts for school buildings, etc. When he came to Sullivan to take the auditorship they had contracts amounting to twenty thousand dollars on hand. He was defeated for the office of township trustee, and at one time was secretary of the township advisory board. Mr. Russell is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has held the office of noble grand in his lodge.

He was married in December, 1894, to Mary E. Jones, born in Indiana, and who came to Vigo county when an infant with her parents, Daniel H. and Mary (Adair) Jones, who are still residing in Linton township, Vigo county. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are the parents of two children: Hazel, born November 23, 1896, and Max, born April 18, 1898.

TILGHMAN OGLE, present county clerk of Sullivan county, Indiana, is a native of this county, born March 26, 1861, the son of William B. and Anna Eliza (Anderson) Ogle. The father died in 1868. Grandfather Ogle came to Indiana from Ohio at a very early day and settled at Prairieton, Vigo county, where he lived for a short time, and then went back to Ohio to afford his daughters a better opportunity to finish their education. Later he again came to Vigo county, Indiana, where he owned fifteen hundred acres of land. William B. Ogle, father of Tilghman Ogle, was a merchant in Vigo county for a time, and also carried on merchandising in Sullivan county. He was elected as treasurer on the Democratic ticket, serving two terms. The mother was born in January, 1823, and still resides in Sullivan. Her mother died in Sullivan at the extreme old age of ninety-four years. Mr. and Mrs. William B. Ogle were the parents of eight children: Belle; Jacob, now residing in Memphis; Charles, Katie and Frank, deceased; William Baty, Jr., a resident of Ohio; Tilghman, of this memoir; and Elizabeth.

Tilghman Ogle attended the public schools of Sullivan and began clerking in a grocery store in 1874, when but thirteen years old. Two years later he went to Terre Haute and there engaged with Car & White, grocers, remaining there until February, 1878. Subsequently he accompanied Mr. White to Carlisle, Indiana, where he was connected with the same line of business. For the next twenty years he was employed as a clerk in the general store of R. W. Akin, at the end of which long period of service he was elected county clerk of Sullivan county. He was elected on the Democratic ticket, being nominated in the convention against two opponents, and he took his seat in office in 1904. Mr. Ogle is a member of the Odd Fellows order at Carlisle, Lodge No. 50, and has been the noble grand; and also of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Sullivan.

He was united in marriage, June 2, 1886, to Mary Ella Speak, who was born at Carlisle, Indiana, June 26, 1869, daughter of James E. and Eliza Speak. The latter was a native of Sullivan county, and both she and her husband are still living at Carlisle. Mrs. Ogle was educated at the public schools of her native place. To Mr. and Mrs. Ogle were born two children, Cornelia, attending high school, and Fred. Mr. Ogle belongs to the Christian church, while his wife is connected with the Methodist Episcopal.

WILLIAM R. NESBIT, an attorney practicing at Sullivan, Indiana, is a native of Hamilton township, Sullivan county, Indiana, born September 2, 1861, a son of William O. and Nancy J. (Eaton) Nesbit. The father was born in Sullivan county and died in 1895. The grandfather on the paternal side was born in Kentucky. William O. Nesbit always followed agricultural pursuits. He was a staunch Republican, and served three years in the Union army during the Civil war under Captain Crawford, who now lives at Sullivan, Indiana. The mother of William R. was also a native of Sullivan county. She was born in 1831 and died in 1876. Her parents were among the early pioneer band who settled in Sullivan county. William O. Nesbit and wife were united in marriage in Sullivan county and were the parents of six children: John, residing near Paxton, Indiana; Euphrates H., living near the old homestead; Ira A., residing in Sullivan; Sara E., wife of Albert K. Boyd, of Sullivan; William R., of this sketch; Armina E., wife of Hardy Raines, residing in Hamilton township, Sullivan county. William O. Nesbit was married the second time, the last wife being Lucy A. McKinley, now residing at Fairbury, Nebraska. Two children were born of this union: Oran, of Omaha, Nebraska, and Ora, with her mother in Nebraska.

William R. Nesbit was reared on his father's farm and received the common school education which most Indiana boys of his time did. He attended the State Normal School at Terre Haute, graduating with the class of 1885. He returned to his native county and began teaching school in the sixth grade in the autumn of the year of his graduation. In March, 1886, he was promoted to superintendency of the Sullivan public schools, serving until 1891, when he tendered his resignation. He had also taught during his term at the Normal, one year at Burnetts Creek, White county, and one year in the city schools of Logansport. After his resignation from the superintendency of the Sullivan schools he entered the law office of W. C. Hultz, of Sullivan, with whom he read law about one year. In October, 1891, he was admitted to the bar and soon after formed a partnership with W. C. Hultz, his tutor. He remained in this partnership until 1893, and then formed a partnership with Judge George W. Buff, of Sullivan, which partnership existed until 1899, after which he practiced independently until July, 1902, when he became the partner of A. G. McNabb. In August, 1902, he received the appointment of postmaster and served as such until February 1, 1907, since which date he has practiced law in Sullivan. Mr. Nesbit owned and edited the

Sullivan Union in 1902-3. He is a supporter of Republican party principles and in his society connections is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed all the chairs in that lodge. He was married July 12, 1888, to Effie I. Coulson, daughter of Uriah and Jane A. Coulson. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania and her mother of Brown county, Indiana. Her father served as postmaster at Sullivan on two occasions, and is now leading a retired life in Sullivan. Mrs. Nesbit graduated at the Sullivan high school, and was a teacher in the Sullivan public schools for about three years. She was born July 12, 1868, and died April 6, 1907. She was a prominent woman in the society of Sullivan, being president of the Woman's Club. She made the address at the dedication of the Carnegie Public Library. She was not unfrequently called upon to deliver public addresses, in which she never disappointed the people. She was enthusiastic and public-spirited, ever seeking to bring about progress and higher thought and action in her county and state. She left two children to mourn her death: Maurice, born August 10, 1889, a graduate of the high school with the class of 1907, unmarried and at home; Mildred, born November 30, 1893, also in the high school. Mr. Nesbit is a member of the Christian church, while his wife was connected with the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM T. DOUTHITT, senior member of the law firm of Douthitt & Haddon, of Sullivan, has long been a leader of the county bar, both in official and private practice. He was born in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, on the 18th of December, 1868, and is a son of Thomas M. and Lydia (Wells) Douthitt. His parents are also natives of the township named, were married therein during the fall of 1867, and are still residents of that section of Sullivan county. Both the Douthitt and Wells families have been identified with the progress of agriculture and the general advancement of this region since the early pioneer period. The paternal grandfather, James Madison Douthitt, was a native of Virginia, married a Miss Good, and entered government land as among the first settlers of Jefferson township. His old-world descent was English. John Wells, the grandfather on the maternal side, also of English ancestry, is believed to have been born in Pennsylvania. It is known that he was one of the Jefferson township pioneers, and that he died therein during the eighties. The members of these families were all farmers, and most of them members of the Baptist church, as were the parents of William T. Douthitt. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Douthitt were as follows: William T., of this sketch; George E., who resides in Carlisle; Frank M., a resident of Sullivan county, whose biography is elsewhere published; Loretta, who died February 22, 1906; and Elliott, who is married and lives on the paternal homestead.

After receiving a district school education Mr. Douthitt taught for four years in Sullivan county, in 1887 entered the Valparaiso normal school for a year, taught for several years, and was then chosen deputy county clerk under William M. Denney. He held the office named for

about a year, in 1892-3, and as he had been studying law for a number of years during the time he could snatch from his educational and official duties, he had been admitted to the Indiana bar in June, 1890. In 1893, after resigning his position of deputy county clerk, Mr. Douthitt began the continuous practice of his profession in partnership with Judge O. B. Harris (mentioned biographically in this work), and the firm of Harris & Douthitt continued until 1896. The junior member then practiced alone until 1905, when he associated himself with Milton A. Haddon, under the present firm name of Douthitt & Haddon. His practice of fifteen years in Sullivan county had brought Mr. Douthitt in connection with nearly all the important cases of that period, either in his private capacity as a leading attorney or as county attorney, city attorney and deputy prosecuting attorney. He ably discharged the duties of the last named office for two years. Besides carrying a large general practice, Mr. Douthitt is the attorney for the National Bank and the Sullivan County Loan & Trust Company, and has long been classed as among the strong corporation lawyers of his section of Indiana. He owns a fine residence on the corner of North Court and Beach streets, and has been recognized for so many years as one of the steadfast forces operating for the advancement of the city and county that his contemplated removal to Terre Haute is considered a most serious loss to the entire community. He has already purchased property and made office arrangements in that city, and plans to remove his residence thither in September, 1908. There the field of his activities will be larger, and his many friends and admirers therefore anticipate for him even a broader and brighter career than he has enjoyed in the past.

Mr. Douthitt has always been a firm Democrat, but has had no political ambitions. He is a Mason of long and high standing, having filled all the offices of the Blue lodge of Sullivan, No. 263, A. F. and A. M., and served as high priest of the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 81, R. A. M., of Sullivan. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, and is also an active member of the order of Elks. Both Mr. and Mrs. Douthitt are identified with the Masonic auxiliary, Order of the Eastern Star. In November, 1890, Mr. Douthitt was united in marriage with Miss Ella Mayfield, who was born in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, in April, 1871, a daughter of William C. and a Miss (Bowen) Mayfield. The mother died when Mrs. Douthitt was a young girl, and her father, who served in the Civil war, passed away in 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Douthitt have two sons—Arista B., born November 11, 1891, and Earl, born April 9, 1897—both of whom are pupils in the Sullivan high school. The parents are earnest members of the Baptist church, Mr. Douthitt having been on its board of trustees since the erection of the house of worship in Sullivan.

S. PAUL POYNTER, a well-known figure in the newspaper field of Sullivan for more than a decade, was born at Eminence, Morgan county, Indiana, on the 29th of March, 1875, a son of Jesse A. and Martha Lutitia

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Poynter. The father was a blacksmith and wagonmaker by trade, and for several years prior to the age of fifteen the son was employed in these lines. At that period of his life he added carriage-painting to his other handicrafts, and was thus enabled to earn enough money to complete his education. He was first educated in the graded schools at Cloverdale, and afterward took a course at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, from which he graduated in 1897 with the degree of Ph. B.

In July of the above year, soon after his graduation, Mr. Poynter entered newspaper work in Sullivan, and has been in the business continuously since that time. He bought the *Democrat* when the business was at a low ebb, and developed it to a profitable establishment. In 1904 he absorbed the *Times*, his Democratic competitor, and in the following year started the *Daily Times*, through these agencies being one of the most influential Democrats in the county. Outside of his newspaper business he is most interested in real estate. He is vice president of the State Democratic Editorial Association, and is also a Methodist, having been a member of the official board of the church since 1900. He is identified with three branches of the Masonic order—Free and Accepted Masons, Royal Arch Masons, and Order of the Eastern Star—and also is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen and the Elks.

Mr. Poynter was married, April 11, 1900, to Miss Alice Ilma Wilkey, daughter of the late Nelson Wilkey and Ann B. Wilkey, and the two children born to them are Eleanor Allen, February 24, 1901, and Nelson Paul Poynter, December 15, 1903. Both of Mr. Poynter's parents are living. His father was a soldier in the Civil war, his service covering more than three years. He was a musician, serving with Company C, One Hundred and Fifteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and with Company B, Thirty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and participated, among other great engagements, in the battle of Shiloh.

CHARLES WILLIAM WELMAN.—Prominent among the citizens of Sullivan, Indiana, is Charles William Welman, an attorney-at-law and real estate dealer. He is a native of Crawford county, Indiana, where he was born September 18, 1858, his parents being John and Martha J. (Chamberlain) Welman. John Welman was born in Orange county, Indiana, January 19, 1826, and now resides in the town of Fort Branch, Gibson county. The paternal grandfather was born in Kentucky in 1801, and the paternal great-grandfather, Samuel Welman, was born about 1760 in Maryland, and went to Kentucky about 1790. In 1819 he and his family moved to Harrison county, Indiana. He resided in Harrison, Crawford and Orange counties until his death, which occurred about 1850. The grandfather, Samuel Cignor Welman, moved to Gibson county, Indiana, in 1863, and died there in 1870. The Welmans were all farmers. John Welman, the father of Charles W., now lives retired at Fort Branch, Indiana. He is a Democrat and a regular Baptist. Martha J. (Chamber-



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lain) Welman, the mother, was born in Louisville, Kentucky, November 24, 1830, and died December 7, 1905. Her mother died of the cholera in 1837, at about the same time that her father was drowned in the waters of the Mississippi river as he was on his way with a shipload of pork. Mrs. Welman then crossed the Ohio river and was reared by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hedden, of southern Indiana, with whom she lived until her marriage, at the age of eighteen years. Although she had few educational opportunities, yet she became a well-posted and cultured woman. By her marriage to Mr. Welman ten children were born, five of whom died in infancy, and the others were as follows: Samuel B., residing in Evansville, was born in 1850 and has been a railway contractor many years; Mary E., widow of Charles Ripley, formerly of Chicago; Susan, who died in 1895, married Thomas W. Redman; Charles W., of this memoir; and Joel H., who died in 1875.

Charles W. Welman was born on his father's farm in Crawford county. The father moved to Fort Branch, Gibson county, when the son was about five years of age. The son's early education was received at the public schools, and later, in 1879-80, he attended the college at Valparaiso. He was a teacher in the public schools of Gibson and Vanderburg counties a number of years. In 1888, Mr. Welman went to Sullivan and was editor and manager of the *Sullivan Times* until 1896. In 1891 he was elected county superintendent of schools of Sullivan county, serving four years and three months. He was admitted to the bar in 1897 and has been an expert accountant in Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota and Indiana at various times and in various counties. In the meantime he practices law and deals in realty. In 1905, Mr. Welman platted forty-eight acres of land, the same being recorded and now known as "Welman's First Addition to Sullivan." It lies adjoining the corporation of Sullivan on the north. On this addition Mr. Welman has erected a beautiful and modern residence. He also platted fifty acres to the north of the first addition, and this is known as "Highland Park."

Politically Mr. Welman is a Democrat of no uncertain type. He was nominated on this ticket in 1894 for clerk of the supreme court of Indiana, but was defeated. Again, he was defeated for county treasurer in a field of five candidates by only thirty-nine votes. In 1902, 1906 and 1908 he was a candidate for Congress, but was not nominated in either campaign. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having been identified with that order since 1889, and belongs to the Blue lodge and chapter. He is also a member of the Elks, Eagles and Knights of Pythias, all of Sullivan.

Mr. Welman was united in marriage in 1884 to Frances R. McCleary, a native of Gibson county, Indiana, who was born in 1868. This union resulted in the birth of one son, Victor A., born in December, 1884. He was graduated in the scientific, classic and law courses at Valparaiso, and is located in Seattle, Washington. For his second wife Mr. Welman married in 1903 Miss Nelle Farley, a native of Sullivan, Indiana, and by this union two children were born, Agnes, born March 20, 1905, and Charles Warren, born January 27, 1907.

WILLIAM H. CROWDER, SR., a retired banker residing at Sullivan, Indiana, was born November 18, 1838, in Putnam county, Indiana, a son of William Milton and Hannah C. (Cox) Crowder. His father was born in North Carolina in 1816 and died in July, 1851, at Sullivan, Indiana. He was an only son and was a practicing physician who graduated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1850. The mother was born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1819, and died in Sullivan, August 23, 1903. They were married in Putnam county, Indiana, in 1837, and eight children were born to them, as follows: William H., of this notice; Robert H.; James H., deceased; Oscar H., residing in Sullivan; John H., residing at Gordon, Nebraska; Milton H., a resident of Sullivan; and two who died in infancy.

William H., of this sketch, was born and was reared on a farm until 1847, since which date he has lived at Sullivan. When but fifteen years of age he opened a general store in Sullivan and was connected with this business until 1885. On July 4, 1861, he enlisted in the Twenty-first Indiana Regiment, serving in the Union cause until the spring of 1863. All of his brothers except Milton served in the army, and none were ever wounded and none ever claimed a pension until the act allowing pension for age was granted. In 1875, Mr. Crowder became president of the bank at Sullivan, and retained such office until July, 1900, when he of choice retired from active business pursuits. He is still a director of the Sullivan State Bank and vice president of the Citizens' Trust Company and one of its directors. Politically he is an ardent supporter of the Prohibition party. He belongs to the Odd Fellows order and is also numbered among the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. The family are connected with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Crowder was married in August, 1863, to Sarah R. Stewart, a native of Sullivan county, Indiana, born May 23, 1842, and who died May 31, 1902. Ten children blessed this union, and they are as follows: Edgar S., resides in Sullivan; Mary, deceased; William H., Jr., also residing at Sullivan; Hirell, a resident of Indianapolis; Katherine; Benjamin C.; James Hanry; Jessie; Dorothy; and Isaac Milton. The last six are all residents of Sullivan. All this family received good educations within Sullivan. Mary attended school at New Albany and at DePauw University; Katherine, at DePauw; Milton and Benjamin also attended DePauw; Dorothy was graduated at St. Mary of the Woods; Edgar and Harvey attended school at Purdue; and Jessie at Oxford.

JOHN SISSON, a farmer residing in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, was born March 10, 1846, in Jefferson township, a son of Benjamin W. and Miranda (Davidson) Sisson. The father was born March 15, 1815, in Jessamine county, Kentucky, and died February 10, 1897; he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Pleasantville. The mother was born February 3, 1814, and died August 18, 1882. Benjamin W. came from Kentucky to Sullivan county before his marriage, and was united in

marriage in this county. He entered one hundred and twenty acres of land in Jefferson township and followed farm pursuits all of his life. Politically he voted the Democratic ticket, and was a member of the Methodist church, as was his wife. Eight children were born to this worthy couple, two of whom died in their infancy. The others are as follows: Judea, unmarried and residing on the old home farm in Sullivan county; Mary, on the home place, the widow of Austin Graham; Paulina, who married James Anderson and resides in Pleasantville; Miranda, who resides in Jefferson township, the wife of James Wells; Daniel W., who married Lizzie Maddox and resides in Oklahoma; and John, of this sketch.

John Sisson, subject, received his education at the common school, but spent most of his youthful days on the farm, assisting his father to clear and improve his land. He continued to reside at home until in 1874, when he purchased a farm containing one hundred and twenty-five acres, where he now resides, the same being situated one mile west of Pleasantville. After buying this place, which was mostly in a wild and unimproved state, he set about to clear it and fit it for cultivation, which task he accomplished almost without help. He farmed at home until his marriage, and was engaged in buying and shipping stock for about fifteen years. His present farm contains one hundred and eighty-nine acres of choice, well improved land. Mr. Sisson is now quite extensively engaged in sheep-raising. He rents out a portion of his farm and looks after the remainder himself. He is very fond of hunting, and was at one time considered a good marksman, and still enjoys the chase.

Politically Mr. Sisson is a Democrat, believing this party best serves the interest of the masses of American citizens. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, as does his wife, and is a trustee in this church. He is also affiliated with the Odd Fellows order, Lodge No. 408 at Pleasantville, and also with Black Creek Encampment No. 177 at Sanborn, Knox county, Illinois. Mr. Sisson was initiated in Pleasantville Lodge No. 408, located at Pleasantville, Indiana, on the 29th of April, 1873, and received the pink degree April 29, 1873; the second, or blue degree, April 1, 1874, and the third, or scarlet degree, April 1, 1874. He was made vice grand July 1, 1875; noble grand, January 1, 1876; and was made a member of the Grand Lodge in October, 1876.

He was married, November 17, 1887, to Ella J. Shake, born September 1, 1865, in Haddon township, this county. She is the daughter of David and Eliza (Corbin) Shake, the former still living in Haddon township, but the latter is deceased. The following paragraphs appeared in a local newspaper commemorating the death of Mrs. Shake:

"Mrs. David Shake died Sunday morning about four o'clock at her home three and a half miles east of Carlisle, after a long illness. Funeral services were held at eleven o'clock Monday morning at the Indian Prairie Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. C. L. Merriman, officiating. Interment in the Indian Prairie cemetery.

"Eliza Corbin Shake was born in Sullivan county, January 8, 1836. She was united in marriage to David Shake, September 25, 1859, and to

this union have been born four children—Charles E.: Vincent, who died in 1877; Ella J., Mrs. John Sisson; and Dora E., Mrs. J. F. Douthitt. Mrs. Shake became a member of Indian Prairie Baptist church, September 16, 1871, and since that time has tried to live a faithful Christian life. She has been an invalid for thirty years, thirteen and one-half of which she was confined to her bed. The 8th of last September she fell and broke her arm, since which time she has been a constant sufferer. She was promoted to the heavenly life January 22, 1905, aged sixty-nine years and fourteen days. She leaves a husband, three children, a sister and many friends to mourn her departure. She was a true and affectionate companion, a loving and devoted mother, a good neighbor, and worthy citizen, bearing all of her afflictions patiently.

Mr. Shake always followed farm life for his livelihood. Mr. and Mrs. Sisson are the parents of one child, Mary D., born January 3, 1889, and now the wife of Charles Yates, a resident of Linton, Indiana, and a teacher. Mrs. Sisson is a member of the Rebekahs at Pleasantville, Indiana, Lodge No. 605, and she has passed all the chairs in her order.

Mr. and Mrs. Sisson have one of the old parchment deeds executed August 1, 1843, and signed by President John Tyler, a valuable heirloom in the county.

JAMES H. NEAR, who has been a farmer of Sullivan county, Indiana, since 1870, is a native of Clark county, Ohio, where he was born February 18, 1849, a son of H. J. Near and Elizabeth, his wife, whose maiden name was Applegate. The parents were both born in Clark county, Ohio. The mother died in 1853, in her native county, and the father died about 1879, in Clark county, Illinois. The father was married three times. For his second wife he married Mrs. Ann (Lockhart) Chance, a native of Clark county, Ohio, who died in Knox county, Indiana. For his third wife he married Mrs. Mariah (Coffee) Munk, who now resides in Jasper county, Illinois.

By H. J. Near's first marriage the children born were: a daughter, who died in infancy; William A., deceased; James H., of this review; and Joseph M., a resident of Union county, Ohio. To the second marriage there were born five children: Azilla Jane, wife of Jacob Laferty, of Champaign county, Ohio; Charles, deceased; Frank, residing near Casey, Illinois; Clara, deceased; and Lizzie, deceased. The issue by the last marriage was: James, George and Eliza, all residing in Illinois. William A. Near, the eldest son of H. J. Near by his first marriage, was a member of Company K, One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Infantry. He served three years during the Civil war and received a wound in the shoulder-blade. He died in the seventies. Politically the father was a Democrat, and he and his first wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

James H. Near was reared midst the scenes of rural life, and early began working out on a farm, for which services he received but twenty-five cents a day. In 1871 he commenced to farm for himself, and has followed this occupation ever since. In 1867 he went to Greene county,

Indiana, and in March of the same year came to Haddon township, Sullivan county, first locating a half mile from where he now resides. He carries on a seventy acre farm, which he owns, raising cereals and paying much attention to stock-raising. In the late seventies and early eighties Mr. Near operated a wheat separator and did threshing with a horse-power engine. He has always been a very busy man, and has prospered through his industrious habits. Politically he votes with the Democratic party.

He was married February 28, 1870, to Elizabeth Deveors, born on the opposite side of the highway from where she now resides, April 15, 1855, a daughter of James and Eliza (Carrico) Deveors, both of whom are now deceased. The mother was born in Sullivan county, a daughter of Reason and Elizabeth (Trimble) Carrico. They were among the earliest settlers in Haddon township. Father Deveors was born in Marion county, Indiana. Mrs. Near is a member of the Christian church at Bethany, Jefferson township. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Near are as follows: Florence, born October 26, 1871, is now the wife of O. Padgett, of Terre Haute; Eliza, deceased, was the wife of John Roobery, and they had an infant child, deceased; William A., residing in Jefferson township; Charles L., also residing in Jefferson township, married Nellie McCammon, and they have one son and one daughter, Ralph and Lela; Zelma, deceased, married Scott Willis and left one son, Harold E. Willis, who is also now deceased; Iva, unmarried, at home; and Nora, who died in infancy. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. O. Padgett, of Terre Haute, are: Flossie, Lourice R., Elwon A., Doris, Tressa L. and two infants, deceased. Paul V. Near, a son of William A., is living with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Near. They have had twelve grandchildren, and eight are living, two boys and two girls being deceased.

JAMES MAHAN, who is farming in Jackson township, was born in Mason county, Kentucky, December 20, 1830, a son of Jerry and Jemima (Browning) Mahan, both of whom were also born in the Blue Grass state and were of Scotch-Irish descent. They came to Sullivan county during the early boyhood of their son James and purchased a farm in Jackson township, but the mother only lived a short time after coming north, and the father died in the early seventies.

When James Mahan attained the age of twenty-two years he left the parental home and bought seventy-eight acres of land in Hamilton township. He at once began the arduous and difficult work of clearing his land and preparing it for purposes of cultivation, and that farm was his home from 1853 until 1896, since which time he has lived retired at Hymera. He sold his farm in 1904, but he owns four lots in this city, on which his pleasant and comfortable home is located. His political views are in harmony with the principles of the Democratic party.

On the 4th of June, 1865, Mr. Mahan married Caroline M. Zink, a sister of Albert Zink, who is represented elsewhere in this history. She

is his second wife, and their union has been blessed by the birth of two children. Mr. Mahan has six children, namely: James Monroe, a grain and coal dealer in Mansfield, Illinois; Evelyn, now Mrs. Brecount, a widow residing in Indianapolis; John P., who is farming in Michigan; Walter, a telegraph operator at Bethany, Illinois; Manson M., a miner in Hymera; and Clara, who became the wife of Mr. Railsback, a traveling salesman whose home is in Hymera, and she is deceased. Mr. Mahan has made many friends throughout the years of his residence here, and is honored and revered for his many sterling characteristics. Mrs. Mahan is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Hymera.

DR. JAMES H. NEFF, of Sullivan, is of true German descent. Three brothers left Virginia, where they had settled, and one of the number went to Pennsylvania, one to Ohio, and the other to Kentucky. The paternal grandparents came from Kentucky and settled in Hendricks county, Indiana, where they located on a farm. Years later they sold and went to Montgomery county, Indiana, where the grandfather purchased more land and there passed the remainder of his life. The maternal grandfather (McGrew) was an early settler in Sullivan county, and he died when the subject's mother was a small girl. The Doctor's parents were Willis G. and Mary A. (McGrew) Neff. The father was born in Boyle county, Kentucky, and the mother in Sullivan, Indiana. The paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Kenton) Neff, he of Virginia and she of Kentucky, and the maternal grandparents were Burr and Elizabeth (Maxwell) McGrew, natives of Indiana. Simon Kenton, an uncle of the subject's mother, was associated with Daniel Boone. It may be related in this connection that the grandfather McGrew was an early settler in Sullivan, and was very highly esteemed among the pioneer band. The Doctor's father was county recorder of Sullivan county, and also its prosecuting attorney at one time. He moved to Greencastle in 1866, and was postmaster there under President Grover Cleveland. He also represented Putnam county in the state legislature four terms, and continued to live at Greencastle until overtaken by death. His wife now resides at Terre Haute. There were six children in the family of Willis G. Neff and wife: Elizabeth, who died aged six years; Catherine, who died aged four years; Frank, who died in infancy; Dr. James H., of this memoir; Jessie, Mrs. George G. Morris, of Terre Haute; and W. Duff, of Terre Haute.

Dr. Neff was born in Sullivan, Indiana, October 18, 1863, and was educated at the University of Louisville, Kentucky, at the Bellevue Hospital, New York City, and attended DePauw University four years. Having chosen medicine for his life's profession, he commenced his practice at Hudsonville, Illinois, where he continued in practice four and a half years. He then moved to Fairbanks, Indiana, September 14, 1894, and there resumed his medical practice, in which he was highly successful. He continued there until January 1, 1909, when he removed to Sullivan to give his children the benefit of the schools.

Dr. Neff is identified with the following orders: The Masonic Lodge, No. 373; Odd Fellows order, Lodge No. 763; and the Modern Woodmen, Camp No. 11256, all three lodges being located at Fairbanks. He is secretary of the county board of health, and is a member of the Sullivan County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society, and the Æsculapian Society of Illinois.

He was united in marriage, November 25, 1894, to Viola L. Lindley, born in Crawford county, Indiana, March 28, 1870, a daughter of Samuel and Harriet (Hollenback) Lindley. The father was born in Crawford county, Illinois, and the mother in Clarke county, Illinois. The children of this union were: Frances L., born August 27, 1895; James S., born November 1, 1900; and John D., born August 22, 1905.

ELI WILLIAM LEMON DIX, of Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, was born in the township in which he now resides, September 1, 1848, a son of Eli and Mariam (Bundy) Dix. The father was a native of Guilford county, North Carolina, born in 1813, and the mother was born in Randolph county, North Carolina, in 1813. The grandparents were Joshua and Ann (Jessup) Dix, of North Carolina, and Moses Bundy and Elizabeth Pittman, widow of Mr. Bundy. The grandfather Dix went to Fairbanks township and entered land, consisting of a timber tract, in 1819. The grandfather Bundy went to Washington township, locating in Salem in 1824. He was a large land owner in that section of the county, but not long after his settlement he died.

Eli and Mariam Dix married and settled in Fairbanks township in 1832, in section 36. He lived in a log-house until 1860, and in this rude habitation was born the subject of this memoir. This house gave way for the first brick residence in the township, and was of such a character that it is still among the best within the township. The father died August 19, 1877, and the mother, March 10, 1884. This worthy couple were the parents of eight children who reached maturity, Eli W. L. being the fifth in order of their birth. He remained at home until a few months before he was married, which date was October 5, 1873, to Josephine Osborn, born in Hamilton township, a daughter of William and Martha (Hill) Osborn, natives of Kentucky. The paternal grandparents were John Osborn and wife, of Kentucky. After his marriage Mr. Dix remained with his father until the following January and then removed to a forty acre farm given him by his father. There they resided in a log-house until 1878, when they erected a two-room frame building, to which they built an addition in 1890, making a nine-room residence of the whole. Subsequently Mr. Dix added forty acres of land to his original farm. He now owns seventy-eight and a fraction acres, all in Turman township, and eighty acres in Fairbanks township. He has always resided in sections 35 and 36, and his present home is in section 36. Mr. Dix has a finely improved place, is surrounded with all the comforts of life, and is indeed an independent agriculturist. He has never followed other than

agricultural pursuits, and in this with his stock-raising he has materially succeeded. He had but limited common school privileges, only attending R. Garvin's Commercial College for eight weeks, yet with his primary education and what he has added to his store of knowledge by careful reading and observation he has come to be a well-posted farmer. In church relations it may be said that he and Mrs. Dix are consistent members of the Christian church, of which organization he was a trustee three years. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party, and served four years as notary public under Governor Durbin.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Dix are as follows: Lowell A., born May 27, 1875, now of Shelburn, Indiana; Bethuel A., born August 23, 1876, of Hymera, Indiana; James E., born November 17, 1877, of Shelburn, Indiana; Melissa J., born April 17, 1879, now Mrs. George Liston, of Hamilton township; Martha A., born October 18, 1880, now Mrs. Noah Parr, of Turman township; Eli Harper, born November 5, 1881, of Curry township; Porter J., born November 25, 1884, at home; and Lura Bell, born March 28, 1887, at home. Lowell A. married Vernie Harbaugh and has two children, Esther and Kennett W. Bethuel married Emily Graves; James E. married Fanny Fisher and has two children, Eli J. and Arthur. He also has a son by a former marriage, named Ray Eugene, who now lives with his grandparents. Melissa married George Liston, and Martha A. married Noah Parr. Eli married Martha Bushell and has two children, Eli M. and Bryan. Besides their own children, Mr. and Mrs. Dix reared M. G. Boles from the age of twelve years to twenty-one, and also Homer Bush, an orphan, from the age of eleven years.

JAMES J. PIRTLE, who has been industriously engaged in operating an extensive truck garden in Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, since 1903, was born on the farm upon which he now resides, July 19, 1833. He is the son of Abel and Mary (Ferree) Pirtle, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The father, born April 4, 1800, came to Indiana at an early age and entered land in Sullivan county, the tract being the same where the son now lives. The mother was born January 17, 1807. This worthy couple were united in marriage in Sullivan county and lived on the farm mentioned until the father's death, January 25, 1862, the mother surviving until March 20, 1874. Of the eight children born to Abel and Mary (Ferree) Pirtle, only four are now living: James J.; Ferree, living at Lyons, Greene county, Indiana, who was a soldier in an Indiana regiment at the time of the Civil war; Ann, wife of Hugh Duffy, of Sullivan county, who was a native of Ireland and is now deceased; and Nancy J., wife of James W. Monroe, a native of Ohio, and they are now living on a portion of the tract entered by Abel Pirtle.

James J. Pirtle had but a very limited opportunity for gaining an education. He attended a little log school house, in which the only windows were openings made by sawing out sections of the logs, and the seats upon which the pupils sat were made of puncheon, as was the floor.

A huge fireplace furnished the heat, and many times the smoke also. It was perhaps not unlike the one pictured by Eggleston in his "Hoosier Schoolmaster." James J. Pirtle continued to reside at home until he was twenty-four years of age, and did his share toward cultivating and improving the old homestead. About the commencement of the war of the rebellion he bought forty acres of land, which was a part of the old homestead. To this he added another "forty," but subsequently disposed of it. Since 1903 he has been engaged in conducting a modern truck farm, for the various products of which he finds a ready sale in the markets of Sullivan and Carlisle. Mr. Pirtle has been an industrious worker and is known for his integrity and kindness. He may justly be said to be a self-made man, having gained what he possesses by the dint of his own industry and frugal management. He has been somewhat unfortunate, in that his family has been afflicted by much illness, which has caused a large expense and the loss of his wife, she being an invalid twenty years, and almost totally helpless for fourteen years. This trouble somewhat thwarted his plans. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Pirtle united with the Christian church, but at this time is not identified with any religious body. In politics he is a Democrat, and is an honored member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On August 27, 1857, Mr. Pirtle was united in marriage to Elizabeth Boatman, who was a native of Sullivan county, born in 1840, and who died April 24, 1906. She was the daughter of Jefferson and Margaret, known as "Peggy," Boatman, who came from Kentucky the same time as the Pirtles. The Pirtles made their way up the Ohio river on an old-fashioned push-boat to the mouth of the Wabash, then up that stream to Busseron creek, and up the creek to a point known as Shakertown. Mr. Pirtle now has in his possession an old kettle used on this boat by the family as they slowly wended their way upstream from Kentucky. They located in the eastern part of Sullivan county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Both parents of Mrs. Pirtle have been dead many years, her mother dying four years to the day (March 20) later than her husband's mother. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. James J. Pirtle are as follows: a son, who died in infancy; William Jefferson, deceased; A. Marley, residing at Terre Haute, a carpenter by trade; Margaret, wife of J. A. McCammon, residing in Hamilton township, Sullivan county; R. F., a prominent farmer; Friend L., a carpenter and farmer living in Cass township; Mollie, wife of John A. McCammon, a farmer of Gill township, Sullivan county, living near her father's place; Lora M., unmarried, residing with her father; and James N., with his father on the home farm.

EDWARD W. BRYAN, who owned an excellent farm, well improved by his own hands, even to the making of fences, in Gill township, Sullivan county, was born November 17, 1873, near Burlingame, Osage county, Kansas, a son of Josiah and Mary E. Bryan, whose family sketch appears elsewhere in this work. The father went to Kansas from Ohio in 1860

and followed farming for five years, he having purchased school land there to the amount of eighty acres. Subsequently he disposed of the Kansas land and returned to Ohio, remained in Fayette county until he moved to Indiana and located in Sullivan county, where he died in the autumn of 1901.

Edward W. Bryan attended the public schools of Stanton, Ohio, and took a commercial course at Valparaiso. He remained with his parents until eighteen years of age, and then commenced the activities of life for himself. He prepared for teaching by attending school at Lebanon, Ohio. At the age of twenty years he commenced teaching school near Stanton, Ohio. He taught two winters near that city, and the next two, near Sabina, Ohio. He then attended the schools of Valparaiso for about four months, graduating there, and then went to Chicago and secured a position with William Wrigley, Jr.'s, chewing gum house as their bookkeeper. There he continued for two years, and then returned to his parents' home in the autumn. The next spring he went to Indiana with his parents and remained with them until his marriage. He then moved to his farm in Gill township, where he was a general farmer and stockman. He owned seventy acres of land, all of which he improved himself. His farm home was one which made him one of the independent agriculturists of Sullivan county. But on account of ill health he sold his farm and property in Sullivan county and with his family moved to Denver, Colorado, in August, 1908, where he is now engaged in the real estate business. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which denomination he served as trustee for three years. He was also president of the Epworth League two years while residing in Ohio. In his political views, Mr. Bryan, like his forefather, is a Republican.

He was happily married January 22, 1902, to Eva L. Hyer, a native of Ohio, born April 7, 1880, a daughter of John and Phoebe (Isgrig) Hyer. Her father was a native of Ohio, and the mother of Missouri. They are still living near Washington Court House, that state. The father is a carpenter and contractor. The date of the mother's birth was March, 1850, and of the father's, January, 1845. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are: Viola, born January 15, 1903, and Arthur L., born March 13, 1904.

Of Mrs. Bryan's parents' children it may be said that there were two in the family: Jesse, a resident of Washington Court House, Ohio, a school teacher and also a contractor and carpenter. He has taught school since twenty-one years of age. The other child is Eva L., the wife of Mr. Bryan.

EDWARD J. COLLINS represents a family who have been honored residents of Sullivan county since 1837. The present representative of the name is an extensive farmer and stock-raiser of Jefferson township, and, both on account of his own worthy career and because of the excellent record of his family, commands the esteem of all who know him. Although he has spent the greater part of his life in this county, he was

born in Louisville, Kentucky, November 6, 1835. He is a son of William Collins, who was born May 30, 1799, in Somerset county, Maryland, and died July 6, 1886, in Haddon township, this county.

The early life of William Collins was marked by some unusual and interesting experiences. From his home in Maryland at the age of nineteen he set out for the west, down the Ohio valley to Gallatin county, Kentucky. He began working for a tobacco-raiser, but because he insisted on crushing the tobacco worms with his foot instead of killing them with his hands, his employer discharged him, and he found himself penniless and without opportunity. Procuring an old skiff, he set off down the Ohio. The kindness of an old black slave in giving him a handkerchief and a dime to help him on his journey was afterwards remembered when Mr. Collins, in more prosperous circumstances, met his benefactor and repaid him with five dollars to help the old darkey purchase his freedom. The skiff became unseaworthy after a short distance had been covered, and two men rescued young Collins from the current of the river and landed him in Louisville. From the only acquaintance he had in this city he obtained employment as a hod carrier, and then became an apprentice at the brick-layer's trade. As a brick-layer he became so skillful that it was declared he could lay brick as fast as a hen could pick up corn. When he settled in Sullivan county in 1837 he entered fifty acres of government land near Carlisle and continued to follow his vocation for a number of years. In addition to the entered land he had bought two hundred acres, and lived on this farm until his death.

The ascertained history of the Collins family on the father's side goes back to the parents of William Collins, who were James O. and Sarah E. (McGraw) Collins, the former a native of England and the latter of Scotland. James O. Collins was a sailor and lost his life by being drowned in Chesapeake bay while William was only a boy. The wife of William Collins was Mary Ann (Hoke) Collins. Her grandfather, Andrew Hoke, was born in Germany in 1740, and died in Kentucky in 1800, while his wife, Barbara Hoke, was born in Germany in 1734 and died in Kentucky, March 19, 1814. Adam Hoke, their son, was born in Germany in 1766, and died August 7, 1832, and his wife Catherine (Hof-feils) Hoke, was born in Germany in 1764, and died November 30, 1818. Both these maternal grandparents of Edward J. Collins died in Kentucky.

William Collins and his wife were loyal Presbyterians, he being an elder in the church, and he was also known for his pronounced advocacy of the Democratic party. They were both well remembered by the older residents of Haddon township. They had a large family, nine children, as follows: Sarah E., born February 26, 1825, died January, 1888; James O., born February 21, 1826, died June, 1898; William H., born November 15, 1827, died December 28, 1833; Columbus W., born November 3, 1833, died July 10, 1835; Julia C., born October 7, 1829, now living with her brother Edward J.; Mercer D., born March 5, 1832, died March 17, 1880; Edward J.; Alfred B., born September 11, 1837, died December 18, 1855; Mary L., born October 6, 1839, a resident of Haddon township and the wife of A. J. Brentlinger. The mother of this family died May 25, 1865.

Edward J. Collins, during his young manhood and after he had attended the public schools, learned his father's trade as brick-layer and was regularly engaged in that occupation four years. From 1866 to 1870 he and his father farmed together, and from the latter year until 1891 he engaged in farming on the homestead, part of the time as lessee. In 1891 he traded his old place of two hundred acres for the one hundred and sixty acres four miles southwest of Pleasantville which are his present homestead. Being a man whom years have not aged, Mr. Collins still gives active superintendence to his farm, and with stock-raising and grain-growing is known as one of the leading farmers of the township. He has filled all the official chairs of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 50 at Carlisle, and has been a delegate to the grand lodge. He is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as an elder.

By his marriage on January 5, 1864, to Mary Jenkins, Mr. Collins united with one of the old and well known families of Sullivan county. Mrs. Collins, who died April 4, 1905, was born at Carlisle April 9, 1840, and was a daughter of John and Mary Jenkins. The Jenkins family are elsewhere mentioned in this history. The six children of Mr. and Mrs. Collins are named as follows: Roland A., who married November 15, 1893, Miss Minnie Ungerer, and she died November 12, 1899; William J., mentioned below; John G., born February 26, 1868, who is one of the successful teachers of Sullivan county; Cora B., born March 17, 1870, who lives at home; Mercer D., born May 8, 1882, who helps conduct the home farm; and Charles T., who died at the age of three months.

The late Dr. William J. Collins, who was second in age of the above children, was a rising young physician and a popular citizen of Geneva, Indiana, at the time he was accidentally killed by a train, December 3, 1905. He was born July 15, 1866. He was a graduate of the Terre Haute Normal School with the class of 1900 and was engaged in teaching until he took up the study of medicine. After his graduation from the Illinois Medical College in 1904 he began practice at Geneva. He was an honored member of the Masonic lodge at Carlisle and a member of the Presbyterian church at that place.

WILLIAM T. SPENCER, JR., who is counted among the worthy and enterprising citizens of Pleasantville, Indiana, is a native of Greene county, born in Stafford township, September 29, 1864, a son of James and Sarah (Padgett) Spencer. His father was a native of Virginia, born October 22, 1841. The mother was born in Haddon township, Sullivan county, November 15, 1844. James Spencer came to Indiana with his parents when yet a small boy. The family located near the village, on a farm which at that time was government land and all thickly covered with timber. The log house which he built stood until about 1906. The grandfather continued to live on that place until his death, which occurred in 1895, at the age of ninety-five years. During the latter part of his life he was greatly crippled in his lower limbs by reason

of rheumatism. His wife died many years before her husband and he lived with Mrs. Howard, who occupied a part of the old place.

James Spencer, the father, left home when about eighteen years of age, working as a farm hand until after his marriage, when he bought the farm in Sullivan county on which he now lives, having been a constant resident for over forty years. He also owns ten acres in the village of Pleasantville, but prefers to remain on the old homestead, which has been so dear to him for two score and more years. His farm is among the choicest in this part of the state. It consists of two hundred and twenty-five acres, seventy-five of which are situated within Greene county and the remainder in Sullivan. Both he and his good wife still enjoy excellent health for persons of their age.

William T. Spencer received his education at the Jackson school house in Greene county. He remained faithful to every known trust about the old homestead of his father's until he was twenty-three years of age, when his father deeded him twenty-eight acres of land and to this he soon added as much more, which last tract he purchased himself. Here he began general farm operations and worked energetically for eighteen years, then bought a five-acre tract in the village and also five town lots, building him the fine five-room house in which he now resides. He owned and made improvements on other town lots which he sold in the spring of 1907. His farm is handled by a trusty tenant, while he himself is engaged as a hardware salesman for Mr. Bough. He conducted the operations of a coal mine on his own farm for seven years, supplying the local trade. Later he sold the coal rights on his land to the Little Giant Coal Company. He also took up the option on sixteen hundred acres of coal land for the same company, and for this he was liberally paid.

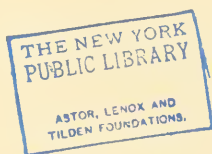
Mr. Spencer was married September 28, 1887, to Miss Anna McCart, a daughter of James and Amanda (Warner) McCart. She was born in this township October 9, 1862. Her parents were natives of Greene county, and her father died when she was nine years of age, and her mother two years earlier. She was cared for by her grandmother a few years, and then lived with an uncle in Haddon township until her marriage. By this union one child was born: Everett, on July 12, 1889, and he is yet at home. Mr. Spencer is connected with the Knights of Pythias order, Castle Hall Lodge No. 358, and his wife with the Rathbone Sisters. In his political choice he favors the platforms of the Republican party, but has never had a liking for local positions, hence is not an office holder. Mr. and Mrs. William Spencer have one of the old parchment deeds executed by President Andrew Jackson, which is one of the valuable relics in their home.

WILLIAM MILLER, a successful farmer of Jefferson township, Sullivan county, and a veteran of the Civil war, was born March 30, 1842, in Lawrence county, Indiana, a son of Martin and Edith (Packwood) Miller. The paternal grandparents were Jacob Miller and wife Mary, whose name

before marriage was Borders. Jacob Miller was a native of Tennessee, and in 1828 went to Kentucky and resided there until 1822. He then moved to Clark county, Indiana. In 1834, thinking to better his circumstances, he removed to Lawrence county, and in 1841 to Sullivan county. He located in Hamilton township, where he was among the hardy pioneers. His land comprised the tract where the old fair ground was later situated, and there he lived and labored until his death. Among his children was a son named Martin, who became the father of William, and who was born in 1816 in eastern Tennessee, and died in Lawrence county, Indiana, in 1906. He continued at home with his parents until they moved to Lawrence county and he lived in that county during the remainder of his life. At one time he owned nine hundred acres of land and was an extensive farmer and stock raiser. Formerly he was an old-line Whig, but when the Republican party was organized he supported the principles for which that party was formed. Both he and his wife were devoted and consistent members of the Christian church. His wife was born in 1813, in Virginia, and died about 1888. Their children were as follows: William, of this narrative; Michael, residing in Lawrence county, Indiana, who married Sarah J. Smith; Adam, who died in his youth; Mary Ellen, deceased; Aaron, a resident of Lawrence county, who married Mary Ann Lee, now deceased; Sarah A., deceased; Elizabeth, residing in Lawrence county, married William G. Todd; and a child that died in infancy.

William Miller, who was the eldest of his parents' children, obtained a good common school education in Lawrence county. He continued to reside under the paternal roof until he caught the spirit of true patriotism and in the month of July, 1861, enlisted in Company A, Twenty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment, in which command he served one year. He returned and after one year re-enlisted, in July, 1863, as a member of Company H of the One Hundred and Seventeenth Indiana Infantry, with which regiment he remained six months. He participated in the famous battle of Shiloh during his first enlistment, and during his last enlistment was in the battle of Bean Station. After his honorable discharge from the United States service he returned to Lawrence county, Indiana, and commenced operations for himself, by clearing and improving an eighty-acre tract within the forest country. This place in 1876 he sold and purchased fifty-two acres where he still resides, the same being a well improved farm within the limits of Jefferson township, where he carries on farming with much thrift and a corresponding success. Mr. Miller is an enthusiastic supporter of the Republican party, and has served efficiently as township trustee and was elected assessor of his township in 1904, his term of office expiring January 1, 1909. He is an honored member of McClung Grand Army Post at Pleasantville, Indiana.

Mr. Miller has been thrice married, first, January 10, 1863, to Sarah Edwards, born in 1845, in Lawrence county, Indiana, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Young Edwards. She died in 1887, the mother of the following children: Oliver, who died aged eight months; Dora, residing in Greene county, Indiana, wife of Marion Story, and they are the parents





MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM RIGGS

of four children—Jennie, Olive, Ennice and Odell; Henry, residing in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, married Emma Swady; Easter, who died aged one year; Frank, residing in Jefferson township, married Fannie Moore, whose five children are Edith, Dorothy, Garrett, William and Guy; Margaret, residing in Greene county, Indiana, is the wife of Timothy Pool and their children are Arthur and Paul; Maude, residing in Cass township, Sullivan county, married Frank Chambers, whose four children are Nora, Paul, Bert and Marion; and a child who died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Miller married, in February, 1888, Elizabeth Craig, who was born about 1840 and died July 1, 1899. There was no issue by this marriage. For the third wife he married, September 30, 1904, Sarah Shepherd, a widow, born in 1841 in Haddon township, Sullivan county, and daughter of Jack Willis. There was no issue by the last marriage.

WILLIAM RIGGS.—One of the most extensive farmers, land owners and coal mine promoters living in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, is William Riggs, who resides along the Shelburn rural free delivery route No. 1. He is a native of this township and was born September 30, 1860, a son of Byron and Elizabeth (Osborn) Riggs. The father was also born in Fairbanks township and the mother in Hamilton township. The paternal grandparents were Hezekiah and Lydia (Engle) Riggs, the grandfather being a native of Virginia and the grandmother of Kentucky. Grandfather Riggs was among the first settlers in Fairbanks township. He entered land in the heavy timber and kept passengers and changed horses on the stage routes from Terre Haute to Vincennes. He owned a large amount of land, the most of which had to be cleared and put in shape for farming purposes. He attained the age of eighty-two years, his wife dying when about eighty years of age. The maternal grandparents were William and Martha (Hill) Osborn, the former born in Kentucky and the latter in Sullivan county, Indiana.

Byron Riggs, the father, was born March 18, 1838, and after his marriage settled near his father's place and bought several hundred acres, which constituted one of the finest farms, and he was one of the best agriculturists in this section of the state. He kept registered cattle and pure-blooded hogs. He died February 4, 1901, and his wife survived till October 13, 1907. William Riggs was the eldest of the four sons and four daughters born to Byron Riggs and wife. Of this family five are now living, namely: Sanbury, of Fairbanks township; Della, widow of Edward Stone, now residing on her father's place; Florence, residing with her sister, Mrs. Stone; Charles, of Fairbanks township; and William, of this memoir.

William Riggs spent his boyhood days on the old home farm and attended the district schools. He was married September 30, 1884, to Rosa L. Johnson, born in Fairbanks, January 11, 1867, a daughter of Oliver B. and Mary (Van Gilder) Johnson, natives of West Virginia. The grandparents were Barnabas and Elizabeth Johnson, of West Vir-

ginia, and William and Mary Van Gilder, of the same state. Mrs. Riggs' father died July 26, 1900, and the mother, October 4, 1873. After the marriage of Mr. Riggs he moved to the one hundred and sixty acre farm which he farmed until 1893. His father gave him eighty acres and he bought the remainder of the farm from him, in section 27, which was partly improved, but which he has now finely cultivated. His land within Fairbanks township amounts to four hundred acres, and he also has forty-one acres in Turman township and one hundred and eleven in Curry township. His wife owns in her own right one hundred and thirty-five acres.

Besides his large realty holdings, Mr. Riggs owns ten shares of stock in the Scott City Coal Mine Company, of which he is secretary, and he also has a four thousand dollar interest in the mine besides his stock. He owns twenty acres of good coal land. Not alone does his property interests rest in Sullivan county, but he also owns five thousand dollars' worth of stock in coal lands in Illinois and has about eight hundred acres of land in Vigo county, Indiana, nearly all of which is bottom land. His present commodious buildings were erected in 1901. Although his financial interests are large, he superintends his own business affairs. He is one of the largest dealers in cattle and hogs and one of the most extensive feeders in his township.

Politically Mr. Riggs is a Democrat. He is connected with Masonry, belonging to Fairbanks Lodge No. 373; also with the Odd Fellows order, Fairbanks Lodge No. 763. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs are the parents of the following children: Elva C., born April 21, 1886; Myrtle Olive, October 22, 1888; Goldie Glenn, June 9, 1891; Oral Byron, July 21, 1896; and Mayra Elizabeth, October 17, 1902.

JAMES SPENCER.—The late James Spencer, during many years one of the progressive and substantial farmers and stock raisers of Jefferson township, Sullivan county, was a native of Greene county, Indiana, born in the month of December, 1840, a son of Charles and Mary Spencer. Charles Spencer was born in Virginia and was among the pioneer settlers in Sullivan county, Indiana. He entered government land when he first located here, and continued to reside in the county until his death. He was a farmer and helped to lay the foundation of the present prosperity of this goodly section of Indiana. Eight children were born to this worthy couple: Moses, who died a soldier in the Civil war, after having been out about two years; John, who died in the service of his country in the same conflict, after being out one year; James, of this memoir; Thomas, a resident of Jefferson township, who also participated in the war; Armon, residing in Jefferson township; Mary, deceased; and Manda, residing at Sullivan, the widow of Joshua Anderson. Charles Spencer, the father, was formerly a Whig in politics and afterward a firm defender of the principles of the Republican party. That the family was ever loyal to the country of their nativity it only needs to be recalled that

several of its members wore the loyal blue from 1861 to 1865. Both Charles Spencer and wife were strict members of the Baptist church.

James Spencer, son of Charles and Mary Spencer, obtained a common school education, but like a dutiful son spent much of the time in his youth in assisting his father in clearing up and improving their farm. When James first started out in life he worked his brother's land, but in 1861 purchased seventy-two acres in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, to which he removed the same year, and lived there until his death. He possessed one hundred and forty acres, after having given all of his children a comfortable start in life. In politics he was a firm believer in the chief principles laid down by the Republican party. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is also his wife.

As to Mr. Spencer's domestic relations it may be said that he was happily married December 1, 1866, to Sarah J. Padgett, born in Haddon township, Sullivan county, December 20, 1845. The issue by this marriage was as follows: William T., a resident of Pleasantville; Minnie, Mrs. Bedwell, residing in Greene county, Indiana; Rosa, Mrs. Pool, living near Linton, Indiana; Effie, Mrs. Pool, residing at Pleasantville; Mattie, deceased; Frank, residing in Jefferson township, Sullivan county; and Charles, at home with his father. Mr. Spencer departed this life November 10, 1908, and his remains are interred in the Pleasantville, Indiana, cemetery.

JAMES FRANK SPENCER, who owns and operates one of the most productive farms for its size within Jefferson township, Sullivan county, is a native of this township, born June 27, 1879, one mile north of Pleasantville. He is the son of James and Sarah J. (Padgett) Spencer, both of whom are now residing half a mile north of Pleasantville, where they conduct a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. James Spencer was born in Jefferson township and is the son of Charles Spencer, who was one of the first settlers in Sullivan county. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years, and was a farmer all of his life. James Spencer was first a Whig and later a Republican. In his church connections he is a Methodist, as is his wife, and in his church work he is very active and holds the office of church steward. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. James Spencer are as follows: William T., a resident of Pleasantville, who married Anna McCart, and they have one child, Everett; Minnie, Mrs. Bedwell, a resident of Greene county, Indiana; Frank J., of this notice; Mattie, deceased; Rose, Mrs. Pool, of Greene county, Indiana; Effie, Mrs. Pool, residing in Pleasantville; Charles, who married Garnett Herndon and resides with his father.

Frank J. Spencer was educated at the common schools of Greene county, Indiana. For five years after his marriage he farmed on rented land in Jefferson township, the same belonging to his father. He was then deeded fifty acres by his father, and this he cleared and finely improved, and has added thereto seventy acres more, which makes one of the numerous valuable farm tracts within the township. This work of

clearing and improving has all been accomplished by Mr. Spencer, unaided by others. He has owned and operated a saw mill and threshing machine for about seven years. He and his brother, William T., owned and operated a coal mine on his brother's farm from 1897 to about 1901, when they sold the property of the mines. Mr. Spencer is a staunch Republican and was the first man of this political party to be elected to any office within Jefferson township, he being made a township trustee in 1904, his term of office expiring in 1909. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the Odd Fellows order, lodge No. 408, at Pleasantville, and also of the Knights of Pythias order, lodge No. 358, at the same place. Being a believer in fraternal life insurance, he wisely holds a membership in the Modern Woodmen of America, camp No. 4929, at Pleasantville, and is one of the trustees of this lodge. He is an honored member of the Rebekahs and Pythian Sisters lodges at Pleasantville, the auxiliaries of the orders just named. Mrs. Spencer is a member of the Rebekahs, the Pythian Sisters and the Royal Neighbors, and is oracle in the last named order.

Mr. Spencer was united in marriage April 7, 1888, to Rebecca Purcell, born near Paxton, February 9, 1866, a daughter of Daniel and Malissa (Pirtle) Purcell. The latter is deceased, but the former resides in Sullivan and is retired. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer: Archie, born October 24, 1889, and now assisting his father on the farm; Delmar, born October 2, 1892, at home; and Ralph Calvert, who was born September 14, 1894, and died March 6, 1896.

MRS. SARAH E. (BURTON) HOLDSON, who is the daughter of one of the highly respected families of Gill township, Sullivan county, was born August 28, 1849, in the township just named. She is the daughter of Hardon and Nancy (Pinkston) Burton, both natives of Sullivan county, Indiana. The father was born February 5, 1816, and died in Gill township in 1854. The mother was born in Jefferson township and died in 1857; she was the daughter of Bazzel and Anna (Dwiggins) Burton. Hardon Burton is by occupation a farmer, who owned eighty acres of land. The children born to Hardon and Nancy Burton were as follows: Bazzel, Jr., deceased; Harrison, deceased; Floyd, a resident of Graysville, Indiana, who is a horseman, and who served two years in the Civil war and was wounded in the foot; Nancy E., deceased; Fidella, deceased; Lucy A., deceased; Sarah E., of this notice; Josephine, residing in Graysville, Indiana, with her brother.

Sarah E. (Burton) Holdson received her education in the public school in Jefferson township. After her father's death her mother married Andrew Wallace, by whom there was no issue. Mrs. Holdson lived with her step-father until thirteen years of age, after which she supported herself until the date of her marriage, which occurred February 14, 1867, when she was united to Anderson Pinkston, by whom two chil-

dren were born: Allie, residing at home with her mother, and Fannie, who married John Bedwell, and they reside at Linton, Indiana. For her second husband Mrs. Holdson married Captain James Holdson, born December 20, 1820, in Kentucky, and died December 24, 1894. He came to Sullivan county in 1824 with his parents, and remained here the remainder of his life. When the Civil war broke out in 1861 he raised a company of which he was made captain and served until the war closed. He was wounded five times and carried two of the enemy's bullets with him to his grave. He had also been a soldier in the Mexican war in 1846-47. After the Civil war ended he returned to his farm, which consisted of five hundred acres, and which he operated until his death. He possessed a character so replete with good traits that all were his friends and admirers. Politically he was a staunch and uncompromising Republican who ever worked for the good of that political organization and for the general good of the community in which he lived. Whenever any public improvement was sought to be made, he was foremost in giving it his influence, assisting both by money and time. By the marriage of Mrs. Pinkston to Mr. Holdson there were two children born, but Cynthia Ann, born February 6, 1876, died October 5, 1900. The other was James Arthur, born September 28, 1870, in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, and he follows mining for his occupation. He married Eliza Bedwell.

Mrs. Holdson receives a pension from the government, amounting to twenty dollars a month, on account of her second husband's army service. She looks after her thirty-five acre farm, upon which she raises both grain and stock. She is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was her husband in his lifetime.

GEORGE C. YOUNGMAN, a man of large experience in various avocations, and who has now passed his three score and ten years, will form the subject of this memoir, which very fittingly finds place in this connection, it being the story of one of the pioneer characters who has forged his way to the front in the developing of Sullivan county as well as other sections of the middle west. Mr. Youngman was born at the thriving city of Greencastle, Putnam county, Indiana, August 13, 1837, a son from out the family of fourteen children born to Stacy R. and Laurena B. (Mark) Youngman. The parents were both born in Kentucky, which state has furnished so many acceptable "first settlers" in many of the counties of Indiana. The father was born August 24, 1813, and the mother in 1816. They came to Indiana in 1831, locating near Greencastle, on a farm owned by his father. Stacy R. Youngman was a practicing physician of considerable note. He lived at Greencastle until about 1846, when he moved to Cloverdale, in the same county, and there practiced medicine until 1851, when he moved to Owen county, settling in Williamson, where he resided until 1853. He then moved to Greencastle again, and continued his medical practice until 1855 at that place. In 1861 he moved

to West Liberty, Illinois, and followed his profession until his death, September 1, 1904. His good wife died about 1898. They were the parents of fourteen children, seven of whom are still living, as follows: Eliza J., wife of Dr. Stevens, who is now deceased, and his widow resides with the subject of this sketch; Josephine C., wife of James Barrack, deceased; James T., of Kansas; Mary, wife of Milton Adams, of West Liberty, Illinois; Nancy E., wife of William Tippet, of Dundas, Illinois; Elmer H., residing in New York City, connected with the *National Bankers' Magazine*; and George C., of this notice.

George C. Youngman obtained his education under many a difficulty unknown to the youth of the twentieth century. He attended the district schools north of Greencastle, Indiana, where there was not a single window light in the entire building, and had other trials which only the stout-hearted can endure and develop under. He was thrown upon his own resources at an early age, his father having a large family to support from a limited means. He went to live with an uncle when aged about eight years, and continued to live with him as long as he worked for others. These good people, Richard J. and Rebecca Tolin, were people who commanded the esteem of all for their sterling traits of character. During the years of 1850 and 1852 he was on a mail route, the first year between Bloomington and Crawfordsville, Indiana. He traveled on horseback a distance of seventy miles, and on the entire route there were but three bridges; but he practically never missed a trip on account of bad roads or high water. His salary was the princely sum of seven dollars a month. On his first trip to Bloomington in 1850 he was served with a cup of coffee, which was the first and last cup he ever tasted. In 1860 he rented a farm in this county, and also began threshing wheat with his uncle as early as 1855, and has continued practically ever since that time to be near the busy hum of a threshing machine in its annual season. In 1866 he purchased a house in New Lebanon, which after a few months he sold at a handsome profit. He also engaged in operating a sawmill for a time, but sold and bought his farm, consisting of seventy-four acres, and moved to the premises in the month of March, 1869. Here he has added many valuable and attractive improvements and carried on general farming operations. He purchased forty acres more land not far distant from his home farm, and this he sold in 1908.

It will be observed, as stated in the commencement, that Mr. Youngman has seen many of life's changing scenes, but not near all of his history has been told. For five years he traveled for the Robinson Machine Company, of Richmond, Indiana, as their salesman. Again, he had a touch of Civil war military life, which should not be omitted from this narrative. In January, 1865, the last year of the rebellion, he enlisted as a member of Company G, of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Indiana Regiment. He entered as a private soldier and was promoted to the rank of sergeant and mustered out of the U. S. service September 27, 1865.

In his politics Mr. Youngman is a staunch Republican, and takes high ground on the subject of temperance; and in his religious connection he was reared a Methodist, but he is not a member of any church

organization. He was married March 2, 1862, to Margaret E. Gill, a daughter of George N. and—(Graham) Gill. The grandfather was born in North Carolina and the grandmother in Tennessee. It is believed that her parents were born in Sullivan county, Indiana. Her father was a farmer and also followed the trade of millwright. He removed to Wisconsin, settled near Boscobel, remained a few years, and then went to Arkansas, and finally returned to Sullivan county, Indiana, and remained on his farm until his death in 1867. The mother of Mrs. Youngman died several years before the death of the father.

Mr. and Mrs. Youngman are the parents of three children, but the eldest, born March 3, 1863, died in infancy. Albion D., born June 3, 1864, died in 1904. He was first married to Miss Emma Sherman, born in this county, and they had two children—Ernest, born March 7, 1888, now with the subject, and Ivan, born May 21, 1889. He married, secondly, Miss Jennie Newsom, a native of Illinois, born near Olney, and they had two children—Margaret, born September 4, 1898, and Albion Duane, born February 2, 1900, and died August 11, 1908. These children, with the mother, are with Mr. and Mrs. Youngman.

Mr. Youngman was a candidate for trustee of the township and was defeated by only ten votes. He was also a candidate for sheriff, auditor, county commissioner, and county treasurer, and in a county of eighteen hundred Democratic majority he was defeated by only three hundred and eighty-one majority votes. He is also a member of Silver's Grand Army of the Republic Post No. 435, and filled all the offices, at New Lebanon, Indiana, and has attended grand encampments at different times.

GEORGE W. HOPEWELL, who was a soldier in the Union cause at the time of the Civil war in this country, and who now resides in Gill township, Sullivan county, on land entered by his father at an early day, was born on the farm where he now resides March 9, 1843. His parents were John and Katherine (Lisman) Hopewell, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The father came to Sullivan county and took advantage of cheap government land, the warrant for which was signed by President James Monroe. He continued to reside on this land until his death, in about 1849. His wife died there about 1872. He served his country as a soldier during the entire period of the war with Mexico. Their children were eleven in number, and are all deceased but George W. of this notice and one sister, Katherine, the wife of Amos Fiske, residing in Carlisle, where he is now retired, having spent the active years of his life as a mechanical engineer.

George W. Hopewell attended the public schools of New Lebanon, and remained on the old place with his mother until her death, when the farm came into his hands. He soon afterward married and continued to operate the homestead, to which he has from time to time made valuable additions and substantial improvements. Here he still carries on general farming and stock raising. He owns one hundred and ten acres, forty

acres of which are about a mile and a half west of the homestead. Mr. Hopewell served at the time of the Civil war as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Indiana Regiment of Infantry, under Captain Parvin. He enlisted at New Lebanon, served about eleven months and was honorably discharged at Indianapolis, having been mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee. His service was mostly doing picket duty. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in politics votes an independent ticket, choosing such candidates as seem in his own judgment best calculated to serve the interests of the people.

He was married, April 21, 1880, to Miss Melissa Owens, a native of Missouri, and a daughter of Elias and Sally Ann (Johnson) Owens. Her parents came to Indiana during the Civil war period, locating in Sullivan county on a farm, where they died. The death of the father occurred in 1888, and the mother ten years later. The father was a blacksmith, which trade he followed together with farming until his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Hopewell was born one son: Thomas E. Hopewell, born April 17, 1882, and now residing in New Lebanon and assisting his father on his farm. He married Mabel Oldham, born near Palestine, Crawford county, Illinois, and whose parents now live in New Lebanon, Indiana. The father conducts a general merchandise store.

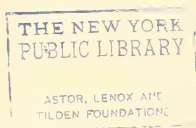
Mr. Hopewell has one of the old deeds signed by President James Monroe, which is one of the oldest deeds found in the county, and this land was never out of the hands of the Hopewell family.

DR. HENRY FRANCIS HARPER, deceased, who up to February, 1898, was one of the leading practicing physicians and surgeons within Sullivan county, Indiana, was born March 5, 1845, near Carlisle, Haddon township, a son of Dr. John Baxter and Isabella (Benefield) Harper. The Doctor's father was a native of Virginia and the mother of Ohio. Their respective parents were early settlers of Haddon township. Dr. John Baxter Harper practiced in and around Carlisle. His wife died when the son Dr. Henry F. was but fourteen months of age, he being the only child born to them. Dr. John B. Harper moved to Merom and began the practice of medicine, and continued until 1886, when he moved to San Diego, California, where he died in 1894. For his second wife he married a widow named Shepherd, of Carlisle. Politically Dr. Harper, the senior, was a Republican.

Dr. Henry F. Harper, of this biography, received his primary education at the common schools at Merom, at which place he also attended the Union Christian College. After being properly fitted he matriculated at Bellview College, in Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1868. He then went to Indianapolis, in which city he took up the insurance business, later taking a post-graduate course at Rush Medical College, Chicago. After being thus highly qualified for the medical fraternity he began its practice with his father at Merom, and continued with him until the father moved to California. After that



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Dr. Henry F. practiced alone at the same place until his death, February 10, 1898. He was admitted to be the best physician in the county. He accumulated much property, including several tracts of valuable land, besides much real estate in California. He owned and occupied the fine residence on Merom Bluff where his widow now lives. Politically Dr. Harper was a Republican. He served as a corporal in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Indiana volunteer regiment of infantry. The date of his discharge was December 15, 1864. He was president of the Sullivan County Medical Association, a member of the American Medical Association, and took much interest in the science of his profession, in which he ever sought to excel. He was high in Masonry, belonging to the lodge at Merom and to the Chapter at Sullivan. In his religious faith he was of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, in which body he was a trustee for some years.

He was united in marriage, November 8, 1877, to Harriett Minter, who was a native of Gill township, Sullivan county, born about one mile north of Merom April 28, 1857, a daughter of William and Malinda (Pinkston) Minter. Her father was born in Missouri, near Liberty, August 10, 1820, and died on the old Minter homestead north of Merom. Mrs. Minter was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, June 10, 1829, and died August 17, 1905, in Merom, Indiana, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harper.

Mrs. Harper was educated in Sullivan county and attended the Union Christian College at Merom. One daughter was born to Dr. Harper and wife—Bernice Isabella, born October 24, 1886. She graduated at the Merom schools in 1904 and at Oberlin College, Ohio, in 1907. The mother and daughter are both consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHRIS KAHRE, who is associated with his brother Fred, is a thorough-going farmer of Gill township, Sullivan county, where he has made a success as an agriculturist. He was born in Germany, near Bremen, in 1850, a son of Henry and Mary Kahre, both natives of Germany. The father died in his native land when his boys were both small, and soon after his death the mother and family came to America and settled in Knox county, Indiana, where they all worked out for others. The mother died within a few years after her arrival in this country. The sons had but little opportunity to attend schools, as they were compelled to work for their maintenance. From the time he was sixteen years of age during the next fifteen years Chris Kahre worked out for others, and then purchased fifty two and a half acres of land, to which later he added twenty-two acres more. This constitutes his present farm of eighty and a half acres, upon which he has made all the improvements. Here he does a general farming and stock raising business. The twenty dollars which had been loaned him in Germany by an uncle who came with the family had to be paid from out the first money he earned after coming to America. This was the cost of his transportation from his native land.

Mr. Kahre was united in marriage, April 24, 1892, to Sarah Jane Engle, born in Sullivan county, Indiana, a daughter of Alexander and Patsy Engle, natives of Virginia and early settlers here, but both are now deceased. By this union one child was born—Frank, on May 26, 1893, and now living with his father. Mrs. Kahre died in 1895. In his church faith Mr. Kahre is of the Christian denomination, and politically is a supporter of the Democratic party.

Fred Kahre, who is the brother associated with Chris Kahre, mentioned above, was born in Germany in 1847, a son of Henry and Mary Kahre. The father died in Germany and the family on emigrating to this country located in Knox county, Indiana. The sons had to shift as best they could for themselves, but have always aided one another in their life's conflict. When eighteen years old Fred Kahre, having worked for others for two years, then bought sixty-one and a half acres of land, upon which he lived until February 5, 1906, but now makes his home with his brother Chris. While on his own farm he carried on general farming and stock farming, but has now disposed of all of his property, for he was bereft of his wife by death March 5, 1901.

Mr. Kahre was married in September, 1881, to Hannah Skidmore, a native of Sullivan county and a daughter of Abe Skidmore and wife, who came from Kentucky, and both are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Kahre were born twins, but both died in infancy. The sad affliction has cast a gloom over the otherwise bright pathway of Mr. Kahre, and at this time his plans for the future are unsettled.

JAMES A. SHAW, deceased, was in his lifetime one of the energetic, moving factors in Sullivan county, as well as a well known merchant in different sections of the country. He was born April 4, 1850, near Bowling Green, Clay county, Indiana, a son of Thomas Shaw and wife. The mother died when he was but five years of age. The father was a native of Rhode Island, and became one of the early settlers of Clay county, Indiana, where he was known for years as an extensive farmer. He was twice married and died in Clay county. He was the father of three children, all now deceased.

James A. Shaw had but a limited common-school education, having been bereft of his parents when quite young. After the death of his parents he worked for others as a farm hand in Illinois until when about seventeen years old. He then began canvassing for a picture firm in Chicago, and later went to that city and remained there until five years before his marriage. He then moved to Indianapolis, where he continued to reside for some time. He engaged in the carpet and stove business, and was among the first men to start an installment house in that city. He furnished houses from kitchen to the parlor and drawing-room, and continued there until December 10, 1887, and established another store on the same plan in the following spring. In the following year he shipped his goods to Terre Haute and continued there one year, and

then sold and went to Merom, Indiana, near which place he conducted a farm which he had previously purchased and which was situated immediately across the river in Illinois. The family resided at the leading hotel almost one year, then moved to the farm, remained two years, and they then rented the land and located in Indianapolis. There Mr. Shaw again engaged in the installment business, continuing four years, after which he moved to another farm which he had owned for some time in Owen county. He resided there four years, and then sold and moved to Merom, where the family was settled in a rented house for four years while Mr. Shaw conducted the farm. He also manufactured brooms for about three years. The date of his death was November 5, 1905.

Since the death of Mr. Shaw, his widow still conducts the farm, which consists of almost two hundred acres. She, together with her family, resides in one of the most modern and spacious residences in Merom, which house she purchased in February, 1907. Her husband was a man of great native ability and wonderful energy and determination. He possessed the natural gift of a salesman and was offered many tempting positions as such, but always believed he was entitled to all the profits that might accrue from such ability. He had no other assistant in his business affairs save his good wife, who always did her share, and to whom he frequently looked for council along important business lines. Mr. Shaw was an active member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities. While not a member, he was in sympathy with the teachings of the Christian church. Politically he was formerly a Republican, but later became a supporter of the Democratic party.

He was united in marriage, May 12, 1884, to Miss Martha Baldwin, who was born in Ohio, near Lebanon, a daughter of Jesse and Susan (Wood) Baldwin, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born May 30, 1817, and the mother September 9, 1821. They went to Ohio at a very early day with their parents. At that time many Indians roamed throughout that section of the country. They were married in that state, and the father became a shoemaker, which at that time was a paying trade, it being before the shoemaking machinery had been invented. The mother died March 30, 1873, and the father April 5, 1877. After the death of her parents Mrs. Shaw resided with an aunt until her marriage. By this union four children were born: James A., born May 17, 1885, was principal of the public schools at Merom four years. He married Lara Hoskins, of Trimble, Illinois, December 29, 1907. Mabel is unmarried and attending school at Union Christian College at Merom, Indiana. She was born July 27, 1888. Harrison, born April 19, 1891, is at home and in the college above mentioned. Mary Elizabeth was born November 19, 1897, and is at home.

Concerning the Baldwin family it may here be stated that in Mrs. Shaw's parents' family there were nine children, all now living excepting three. They are as follows: Jacob Marion, who died in the service of his country in Tennessee, at the time of the Civil war, he being a member of Company A in the Seventy-ninth Ohio Regiment; Samuel died November 14, 1908, resided at Lincoln, Illinois, and was also a veteran

who served in the regiment named above; Emily, who died at the age of seventeen years; Thomas, living in Hamilton, Ohio, a shoe merchant; David, of Dayton, Ohio; Lewis, residing in Springfield, Illinois, a retired farmer; Freemont, of the last named place; Susan, wife of Elmer Smith, residing at Lebanon, Ohio, a merchant and also chief of police for six years; and Martha, who married Mr. Shaw, of this memoir.

FRANKLIN KIMBERLIN, who is numbered among the heavy land owners and tax-payers of Sullivan county, and now living retired in the suburbs of New Lebanon, is a native of Greene county, Indiana, born October 15, 1844, a son of Joseph and Susan (Bechtal) Kimberlin. The father was a native of old Virginia and the mother of Greene county, Indiana. They were married in Bloomfield, Indiana. He came with his father from Virginia, and the former entered government land near Bloomington, and there the family resided many years, but finally removed to Greene county. The grandparents both died there; their deaths occurring but twenty-four hours apart, both dying at night time. Joseph Kimberlin, the father of him for whom this sketch is written, remained in Monroe county until too aged to continue to farm, and then went to Sullivan county and made his home with his son Franklin until his death, about 1882. The mother had died about 1875. They were the parents of fourteen children and four are living: John, a farmer in Richwood, Illinois; Franklin, of this review; Polly, wife of James Haggard, and resident of Morgantown, Indiana; and Jacob, resident of Mitchell, this state.

Franklin Kimberlin had the advantages of the public schools of Monroe county, and also attended the same while living in Greene county. On the theory that "Antagonism is the law of development" Mr. Kimberlin has forged his own way to the front rank, beginning to strive for himself and his own support at the age of ten years. His parents being unable to assist him he was forced to stem the tide by the force of his own will power, which, however, proved successful in the conflict, but the race for several years was indeed fierce. At the age of seventeen years (then probably called eighteen) he enlisted as a member of Company K, Fourteenth Indiana Regiment, under Captain Kelly, of Bloomington. The date of his enlistment was in 1862, and he served as a brave and loyal soldier for two years and ten months, participating in the battles of Fredericksburg (Virginia), Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania, Bull Run, The Wilderness, Smoky Charge and Petersburg. Was on a raid in pursuit of General Lee until his final surrender. He was wounded three times—first in his first battle; secondly at Cold Harbor, and the third day before the surrender he was wounded the third time. He was mustered out of U. S. service at Alexandria, Virginia, in the month of June, 1865, and after a short stay in Bloomington upon his return from the army he went to Greene county, Indiana, where he rented a farm for one year. He then lived a short

time in Marshall, and then went to Crawford county, Illinois, where he purchased a farm containing forty-four acres. After two years' sojourn there and in 1870 he sold and bought a farm in Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, containing eighty acres, to which subsequently he added from time to time until he possessed seven hundred acres. This land he finally sold and purchased four hundred and eight acres, all within Gill township, and this most excellent farm is at this date (1908) being operated by his son and son-in-law. In 1902 Mr. Kimberlin purchased a tract of sixteen acres in New Lebanon, which he now has finely improved, and here he expects to make his home and spend the remainder of his days. While he has met with misfortunes and given away as much or more than he now possesses he may well count life a success, having served his country in time of peril, reared a family which is an honor to his name, and still possesses a goodly heritage of this world's goods. At one time and another in his life, he belonged to various lodges and societies, but at the present is not connected with any of the orders. He is an acceptable member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and lives an upright, true citizenship before his fellow men.

Mr. Kimberlin was married first, in the month of February, 1870, to Louisa Hite, born in Greene county, Indiana, a daughter of William and Dianah (Woodall) Hite, natives of Virginia and both now deceased. To this union were born three children: Joseph Edward, married and residing on his father's farm; Elvira Jane, wife of Jeff House, a resident of Cass township, Sullivan county, and a farmer; and Amanda, widow of Lisle M. Pirtle and now residing in Gill township on her farm. For his second wife Mr. Kimberlin married, in April, 1896, Mrs. Jennie Stedman, born in Pike county, Ohio, a daughter of James and Rebecca (Potts) Dunham, she having been previously married. Her parents were natives of Jackson county, Ohio, and the father farmed until his wife died about 1875, while he passed away in 1893. There was no issue by the second marriage. Mrs. Kimberlin had one son by her former husband—William Allan Stedman, a telegraph operator at New Lebanon, and who married Lelia Morris, of the village.

DAVID H. HANCOCK, of Gill township, comes of a family some of whose members have been residents of Sullivan county for many years. His grandfather was sheriff of the county in the forties. He whose name heads this sketch was born in Gill township July 10, 1857, a son of Marion and Johannah (Nash) Hancock. The parents were both natives of Sullivan county, the mother born in 1825, and the father two years earlier. The father enlisted in an Indiana regiment, served but a short time and died in the service at Nashville, Tennessee. The mother died in 1880. David H. received his education at the common schools of his native township, and remained with his mother until he was twenty-one years of age, when he commenced farming on twenty acres of land, left him by his mother. To this he added forty acres

more, giving him his present excellent place of sixty acres of choice land, a portion of which he has lived upon ever since he was four years of age. Here he conducts general farming and stock raising. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and votes the Democratic ticket.

He was united in marriage, September 21, 1887, to Nannie Elliott, born at New Albany, Indiana, November 7, 1856, a daughter of William and Maggie (Ford) Elliott, who were natives of Indiana and of English descent. Mrs. Hancock's father was an engineer by occupation, and later, about 1867, went to Sullivan, where he ran the engine in a flouring mill, continuing there until 1869, when he died. The widow married again and moved to Gill township, where she died May 10, 1906. To Mr. and Mrs. Hancock were born four children: Rellie Otis, residing at home; Josephine, deceased; Lucian, at home; and the fourth child died in infancy. Mr. Hancock is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at New Lebanon, Indiana. He is a progressive farmer and an excellent citizen in whom all have implicit confidence.

FRANCIS M. BLANN, a prosperous agriculturist of Gill township, Sullivan county, is a native of Knox county, Indiana, born on Shaker Prairie September 17, 1867, a son of S. G. and Sarah S. (Sprott) Blann. The father, S. G. Blann, was born on Indian Prairie, Sullivan county, and the mother at Carlisle, Indiana, the date of the former's birth being March 31, 1833, and of the latter's January 26, 1835. S. G. Blann's parents came from Virginia, and the grandfather spent part of his life in Kentucky, residing in Breckinridge county, but later in life moved to Sullivan county, Indiana. After a few years there he removed to Shaker Prairie, Knox county, and still later made his home in Sullivan county, but finally returned to Shaker Prairie, where he died.

S. G. Blann worked as a hired hand early in his life, receiving six dollars a month, but later purchased land with his scanty earnings and commenced farming for his livelihood. He was a progressive and industrious man who accumulated rapidly, and at one time possessed eleven hundred acres of land, a portion of which was situated in Sullivan, and the remainder in Knox county. He spent the last years of his life in retirement at Oaktown, Knox county, to which place he removed in about 1899. He died July 4, 1907, and his widow still resides at Oaktown. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom are still living: Edward P., a merchant of Monroe City, Knox county; John A., deceased; Francis M., of this review; Mary O., wife of John G. Ford, residing in Knox county, a farmer by occupation; William W., a farmer of South Dakota; Dr. Herbert E., a physician of Fairbanks, Indiana; and Charles Everett, of Oaktown, a farmer.

Francis M. Blann obtained his limited education at the schools of Shaker Prairie and at Oaktown. He remained at home until twenty-two years of age, and purchased a tract of land containing one hundred and

twenty acres situated in Knox county, north of Vincennes. He was unmarried at that time, and only kept this land about one year, when he disposed of it and bought one hundred and ninety acres in Sullivan county, near Carlisle. Here he resided for five years, during which time he was married and purchased two hundred acres more land from his father, the same being near Oaktown, to which place he removed and engaged in the grocery business in partnership with an uncle. This he only followed for about a year, after which he purchased a hundred-acre farm two miles to the north of Carlisle, having already sold both of his other farms. The last place he kept a year and then sold and bought one hundred and fifty acres where he now lives, and upon which he has made extensive and valuable improvements. As it now presents itself it is among the best equipped places in the vicinity, and here he expects to remain and carry on his farming and stock raising operations, making thoroughbred short-horn cattle a specialty. Possessed of great determination and natural ability, only success seems probable to follow and crown his untiring efforts.

Mr. Blann is in his political views a pronounced advocate of pure Democracy. In his religious faith he adheres to that of the Christian denomination. He was united in marriage, October 21, 1894, to Miss Effie J. Shepherd, a family sketch of whose family will appear in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Blann the following children were born: Edward Roy, born September 12, 1895; Lester Ray, born August 21, 1897; Robert Lowell, born in November, 1899; and Harry Shepherd, born November 1, 1906. The fourth born child died in infancy.

Mr. Blann is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 5488, as a protection to his family. The camp of Woodmen is located at New Lebanon, Indiana.

AUGUSTUS L. THRASHER, who is numbered among the agriculturists that are developing and bringing forth the products of the soil in the territory embraced within Gill township, Sullivan county, was born in this township February 27, 1871, a son of Martin M. and Angeline (Pinkston) Thrasher. The parents were both born within Gill township, the father February 16, 1847, and the mother December 23, 1849. Martin M. was a son of Elanthon A. and Rachel (Mary) Thrasher. His mother was a native of Vermont and the father of New York state. She was born in 1812 and he in 1817. Elanthon came to Sullivan county at a very early day, locating in what is now Gill township. He was a farmer, and was married here. For a few years they resided in Terre Haute, but retraced their steps to this township, and still later moved to Illinois, but came back to their old farm again and died in this township, the mother September 2, 1870, and the father in 1891. Martin M. Thrasher resided with his parents until about 1867, when he leased a farm and cultivated it three seasons. He has continued to rent within the township ever since. The subject's mother died November 16, 1875.

Augustus L. Thrasher, of this biographical review, was educated

within his native township, at the "Blue School House" and at the Rose district schools. He remained at home until he had reached his majority, when he rented land in partnership with his brother for one year and the following year with another man of the neighborhood. In the autumn of 1897 he was married, after which he rented another farm in the same part of the county, on which he lived three years. His next experience was in renting land of John Mason for almost five years, at the end of which time he purchased eighty acres of land where he now resides. There were no improvements on this place at the time he bought it, and he has cleared it and built a comfortable house and barns, with the necessary out-buildings. It is now under fair cultivation and all well fenced. He expects to make this his permanent home, although on account of ill health since about 1904 he has been unfitted for heavy manual labor, but superintends the work of the place. In politics Mr. Thrasher is an avowed Republican. He has held the office of supervisor and been deputy assessor two years.

He was united in marriage to Elizabeth N. Clark, who was born in Gill township April 12, 1873, a daughter of John S. and Anna (Butler) Clark. Her parents were natives of Nova Scotia, and came to this country with their parents at a very early date. They were married prior to the Civil war. He served in Company C, Fifty-ninth Indiana Regiment, being a private soldier. Upon his return from the service of his country he engaged in farming, which was of the truck-garden type on a three-acre plot where he still lives. Mr. and Mrs. Thrasher are the parents of the following children: Roy Otto, born August 18, 1894; Charles Edward, born January 30, 1896, died January 12, 1897; Lucy Viola, born February 3, 1898; Lella Rachel, born February 16, 1900; Eva Pink, born December 24, 1901; Bernice Pearl, born December 31, 1903, and John Martin, born August 8, 1907.

JAMES H. BANTHER, a farmer and stockman of Gill township, Sullivan county, is a native of this township, born April 13, 1866, a son of Cyrus and Nancy Banther, whose sketch will appear elsewhere in this work. He was educated in the district schools of his native county and in Turman and Gill townships especially. He remained at home with his parents until twenty-one years of age, and the following season worked as a farm hand for others. Being seized with the western fever he went to Coles county, Illinois, where he found employment on the railroad for three years, and in 1872 returned to Terre Haute, Indiana, where he worked in the car shops for about three years, and also followed carpentering. In 1895 he returned home and was employed by his father for seven years, which was up to the spring of 1902, at which date he purchased forty acres of land where he now resides, and upon which he has placed all of the improvements, including house, barns, fences, etc. Here he carries on general farming, and pays special attention to hog raising. Mr. Banther is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

and carries a two thousand dollar beneficiary policy with the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a believer in Republican principles and platforms, but has never aspired to public office.

In relation to his domestic life let it be stated that Mr. Banther married, February 21, 1889, Miss Minnie McClure, born in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, Indiana, May 11, 1872, a daughter of Dr. Griswold Barton and Mary (Mason) McClure, both natives of Sullivan county. The mother was born May 6, 1837, and the father January 15, 1836. They resided on a truck farm after 1891, and before that date had farmed in Gill township. After the father's death the mother sold the place and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Dora Hart, in Sullivan until her death in 1904. In the McClure family there were seven children, all now deceased except Mrs. Banther and her sister Dora, wife of Philip Hart. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Banther are as follows: William Harry, born September 2, 1889; one who died in infancy, born May 13, 1891; an infant born February 14, 1896, and died early; George Dewey, born May 8, 1898; James Garry, born April 24, 1902; one who was born September 7, 1904, and died early, and Cyrus Henry, born November 18, 1906.

EDWARD ANDERSON, one of the extensive land owners and successful farmers who is a tiller of Gill township soil, Sullivan county, is a native of that far away and picturesque country of northern Europe—Sweden. He was born May 3, 1861, near Starby. He is a son of Swan and Mary (Benson) Anderson. The father was born about 1816 and died about 1868, in the country of his birth. The mother was born April 14, 1821, in Sweden and died December 20, 1908, in her native land. At the age of fifteen, having attended the schools of Starby, Sweden, Edward Anderson commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade. After working at the forge for twelve years he emigrated to America, where he worked in New York City one year and then went to Rantoul, Illinois, and after two years' service for wages there he went to Paxton, Illinois, and purchased a machine and blacksmith shop. There Mr. Anderson worked vigorously during all the years up to 1905, when he had accumulated a sufficient amount to enable him to buy land, which he did, leasing his shops. He selected the lands on which he now resides in Gill township. This land he purchased in 1903, and his first tract consisted of three hundred and sixty-eight acres, to which he has added until he now owns five hundred less two acres. Of this he operates through careful tillage about three hundred acres, and the remainder he has leased to others. He raised corn, wheat and stock. Being a thorough man in whatever he undertakes he has succeeded well in the role of an American farmer, as well as one who wielded the sledge so many years. Having in mind the protection of his home circle he wisely became a member of both the Modern Woodmen of America camp at Merom, Indiana, and the Royal Neighbors fraternal societies, both affording a beneficiary in case of sickness or death.

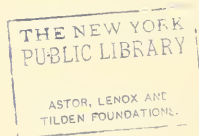
Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and children are members of the Swedish Lutheran church at Paxton, Illinois, and in politics he is a Republican. He has never aspired to public office in his adopted country, but seeks the best men to fill the local and state positions. He was united in marriage, April 20, 1895, to Anna Marie Peterson, born in Sweden, May 24, 1872, a daughter of P. M. Aberhanson, whose wife's maiden name was Charlotte Helen Johnson. The father is deceased, and the mother resides in Sweden. Mrs. Anderson accompanied her brother to this country in 1888, and they located in Rantoul, Illinois, going from there to Chicago, where she was employed as a domestic until the date of her marriage in 1895. Six children were born of this union: Swan Walford, born June 2, 1897, died aged two years and seven months; Oscar Edward, born May 6, 1898; Helen Marie, born September 6, 1900; Ebba Marie, born January 18, 1902; Albert, who was born July 21, 1906, and died in infancy; Carl Raymond, born December 25, 1907.

Mrs. Anderson is a member of Royal Neighbors and also of the Circle of Honor and she carries protection in both. Both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have policies in the Prudential Insurance Company also, and both are well insured for their families.

WILEY GAMBILL, one of the representative agriculturists of Hamilton township, Sullivan county, was born April 3, 1843, in Cass township, this county. He is the son of Morgan and Eleanor (McGrew) Gambill. The father was a native of Kentucky, who went to Indiana when a single man and settled in Wright township, Greene county, where he remained until he was married. He then came to Cass township, Sullivan county, and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, upon which he resided until his death, at which time he owned a half section of land, and was an extensive stock raiser. He had become well versed in the science of medicine, as understood and practiced at that time by the herbal doctors of this country. He practiced throughout the section in which he lived with much success, using exclusively roots, barks and herbs in the treatment of disease. The grandfather, Morgan Gambill, was a soldier in the Mexican war. He was a farmer and was of Irish descent. The mother of Wiley Gambill was born in Tennessee in October, 1808, and is still living and makes her home with her son Wiley. She came to Salem, Indiana, with her parents, and later moved to Greene county, south from Linton, where she remained until her marriage to Mr. Gambill. By this union eight children were born, as follows: John, deceased; Hannah, deceased; Lucinda, wife of William Walters, a resident of Cass township; Levi, of Cass township; Eliza, deceased; Wiley, of this sketch; Morgan, who occupies the old Gambill homestead, which has never gone out of the family's hands; and Mary Ann, deceased. After the death of Morgan Gambill, the father, the mother married William Combs, who is now deceased and by whom she had three children: Eleanor, wife of John Mason, residing in Cass township; William, deceased; and William H., deceased.



Wiley Gambill.



Wiley Gambill's father died when the son was about six years of age, and he remained at home until he was twenty years of age, then began farming on his own account on a forty-acre farm, to which he added until he had three hundred and sixty acres, all in Cass township. In 1904 he divided this tract of valuable land between his children, and in March of that year moved to Sullivan, adjoining which town he purchased forty acres, and bought a small house, to which he built an addition. He was engaged in raising registered Durham cattle and Poland-China hogs, also fine wool sheep, the Cheviots, which were imported and the only ones of the kind in the county. When a boy Mr. Gambill saw many hardships and lived in the old style and in most primitive manner. It was his father's custom to go each autumn time to New Albany to procure leather for the children's shoes and boots. Their clothes were all hand-made, and many of the garments from flax which they grew. Deer skins being very plentiful at that time they were used for making many articles of wearing apparel. Fresh and cured venison formed the chief article of meat diet the year around, and their flouring mill was many miles distant. His father cleared up all of his land from out the heavy forest-lands, which was no small task. His house was of the hewed log type, not beautiful but very comfortable, and from such have come forth some of America's greatest public men and women. Mr. Gambill, of this notice, did not have the early educational advantages afforded most boys of to-day, but had to gain what knowledge he received by studying evenings, after his marriage, and attending night schools, in which he captured all the prizes offered for good scholarship. Politically he is a Democrat, and he served as county commissioner for six consecutive years in the third district.

He was married first, April 20, 1863, to Nancy Moss, born in Greene county, Indiana, August 24, 1842, and died August 23, 1882. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Stephen Morgan, residing in Sullivan, the principal of the high school of that town; Albert, a resident of Cass township; Laura, wife of Jesse Burge, and they reside in Greene county; Sidney, residing in Gibson City, Illinois, where he owns a clothing store; Walsey, deceased; William, deceased; John, residing in Sullivan; Eleanor, wife of Ed. Llewellyn, of Cass township; Elza, of Cass township; Osa, of Cass township; Hezza H., of Cass township, on his father's old farm; and Floyd, deceased.

For his second wife Mr. Gambill married Elizabeth J. (Smith) Baldwin, born in Ohio. She is still living. There was no issue by this marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Gambill are members of the Christian church, as was his former wife and all of her father's family. He has been a trustee of this church for the past twenty-five years, thus showing his zeal in church work and the business affairs of the same.

GEORGE B. THOMPSON, one of the progressive representatives of the most excellent farming section embraced in Gill township, will form the subject of this narrative, showing something of his parentage and his

own success in life's activities. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, April 12, 1842, a son of John and Elizabeth (Burton) Thompson. His mother was born in Ohio, while the father was a native of Virginia, who went to Ohio when a small boy, and resided there with his parents until their death. He was a carpenter and contractor, which occupation he followed throughout life, leaving the management of his farm to his sons. He died about 1900, and the mother soon thereafter.

George B. Thompson obtained his education at the public schools of Highland county, Ohio. He made his home with his parents until about 1850, when he began working out for others by the day and month. During the first year of the Civil war—1861—he enlisted as a member of Company A, Sixtieth Ohio Regiment, under Colonel Trimbel. He served nine months and was sent home on a "sick furlough," and was never able to return to his regiment, and never received any kind of a discharge. When so far recovered that he could get out he went to Madison county, Indiana, in which section he worked by the month for two years, and then married and worked in company with his father-in-law for five years. At the end of that time he went to Sullivan county, Indiana. The father-in-law first purchased one hundred and twenty acres, to which he subsequently added until at his death he owned two hundred and five acres of choice land. Mr. Thompson has within his farm ninety-three acres, all well improved and devoted to general farming purposes.

He was married in the month of March, 1863, to Miss Rebecca Obriant, born in Madison county, Indiana, March 2, 1850, a daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Richardson) Obriant, both born in Ohio and came to Indiana very early. They accompanied their parents and grew maturity in this state. They were united in marriage in Madison county, and a few years later settled in Sullivan county, on the land upon which Mr. Thompson now resides, where they died several years ago. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are as follows: John, a blacksmith at Sullivan, Indiana, married Bertha Poston, and they have two children, Hadie and Essie. David, residing near the father, married Ellen McKinney, and they have three children—George, Beatrice and Myrtle, and three who died in infancy. William, residing with the parents, married Jessie Langford, and they have two children—Gladys Eulalia and Rebecca. In his church faith Mr. Thompson is in harmony with the Methodist Episcopal denomination, though not a member of that church, and politically is a firm believer in the principles of the Democratic party.

ALOYSIUS MATHIAS, who is the owner of one of the fine grain and stock farms within Gill township, is a native of Ohio, born November 22, 1860, at Chillicothe, Ross county. He is the son of John and Margaret (Schanase) Mathias. The father was born in the same place as was the son Aloysius, while the wife and mother was a native of Germany.

The date of the father's birth was February 24, 1840, and while the exact date of the mother's birth is not now known, it is certain that she was several years his senior. The father was a plasterer by trade, but worked in a large packing house much of his time, especially during the winter months. He accumulated considerable property in Chillicothe, where he died about 1905. The mother died about 1873. They were the parents of eight children, five of whom were living in 1908, and they are as follows: John, of North Dakota; Joseph, of Chillicothe, Ohio; Lizzie, wife of Mr. Michaels, residing in Athens, Ohio; Minnie, wife of Charles Baley, of Ohio; and Aloysius, who was the eldest of the children.

Up to the time Mr. Mathias was thirteen years of age he had the comforts of a home, but at that early time in his life he went to work as a farm hand in Ross and Fayette counties, Ohio, and remained in that locality until 1888, when he purchased a team and rented land in Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, to which section he came in 1885. The first two years he rented, then worked for others for five years, and then bought a second team and again rented land two years longer. He then purchased forty acres of land upon which he now resides. This purchase was made in 1901, and later he added sixty-three acres more and also made many needed improvements and now carries on general farming and pays especial attention to the raising of hogs for the market, in which he has been very successful.

Mr. Mathias attended the parochial schools in Chillicothe, Ohio, and was reared in the religious faith of the Roman Catholic church. Politically he is an independent voter, choosing the best man for public positions regardless of party lines. He is a member of the Odd Fellows order at Merom, Indiana, and is progressive in all that affects public policy. As to his domestic relations let it be stated in this connection that he was married to Miss Mary Schwint, born in Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, August 24, 1875, a daughter of Frank and Louisa Jane (Collier) Schwint. Her father was a farmer who came from Kentucky about 1863. The mother was a native of Kentucky, and there they were married. They removed to Sullivan county, Indiana, and located south of Carlisle, where they remained about five years and then moved to Gill township, where they continued to reside until his death in 1882. The mother died in March, 1895. Before coming to this country from Germany Mrs. Mathias' father was a sailor. To Mr. and Mrs. Mathias the following children were born: Claud L., born January 5, 1899; Chloe May, born September 5, 1901; Lela Opal, born September 1, 1904; David Orval, born June 25, 1906; and Kenneth Eugene, born September 5, 1907.

JAMES W. JACKSON, one of the industrious farmers living two miles west of Pleasantville, Indiana, is a native of Marion county, Kentucky, born October 13, 1836. His parents were John T. and Mary L. (Pirtle) Jackson. The father was born July 7, 1810, in Kentucky, and died July

5. 1887. The mother, also a native of Kentucky, born in 1813, died in Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1905. The paternal grandfather was John Jackson, and his father, also named John, came to this country as a British soldier, but deserted and joined the Continental army, as did two of his brothers. John T. Jackson went to Indiana in 1837, remained one year, and then returned to his native state for a year and then came back to Sullivan county, Indiana. Here he entered forty acres of land, which he later sold and entered a quarter of a section in sections two and eleven, where he spent the remainder of his days at farming. He was a Democrat, and in church relation a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The children born to John T. Jackson and wife were as follows: John H., of Jefferson township, Sullivan county; William A., deceased; James W., of this notice; Jefferson G., of Jefferson township, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Harriette R., deceased; Mary E., deceased; and Susanna, deceased.

James W. Jackson received a limited common-school education, having to spend much of his time in youthhood in assisting his father to clear their forest farm and make for themselves a comfortable home. He remained at home until twenty-four years of age, when he married and settled on his father's farm, which he worked until 1869, when he purchased forty acres where he still resides, now owning sixty-seven acres, which land his son now farms for him. He has been a successful farmer, tilling what land he possessed in a most thorough and painstaking manner. In his political views Mr. Jackson is a staunch defender of Democratic principles, believing as he does that this party best serves the interests of the masses of American citizens. Both he and his wife are acceptable members of the Methodist church.

He was united in marriage, February 28, 1861, to Zilpha A. Wallace, born November 12, 1837, in the township in which she now resides. She is the daughter of Andrew K. and Betsey (Halston) Wallace. Her father was born in Virginia and followed coopering and farming for his livelihood. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are the parents of three children: Hattie A., born February 17, 1862, and residing near Fairland in Shelby county, Indiana, married D. V. Howard; William M., born February 3, 1864, married Evaline Bedwell and they reside in Jefferson township; and Charles L., born April 28, 1872, is at home with his parents and unmarried. Mr. Jackson has one of the old deeds executed October 1, 1850, and signed by President Millard Fillmore, and this deed is one of the valuable souvenirs of Sullivan county. This land never changed hands until the death of the mother.

WILLIAM THOMAS SPENCER, a generally known and highly respected farmer of the thoroughgoing type residing in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, was born January 19, 1842, in Stafford township, Greene county, Indiana, a son of Charles and Sally (Snyder) Spencer. The former was a native of Virginia, born about 1807, and died in 1898, and

the mother was born in Kentucky and passed from earthly scenes in 1846. Charles Spencer emigrated from Virginia to Kentucky with his parents, Moses Spencer and wife, who were farmers. Charles was married in Kentucky, after which he moved to Greene county, Indiana, some time about the middle of the "thirties." He lived in Greene county until about 1875, and then went to Jefferson township, Sullivan county, and settled on the farm owned by James Howard, and there spent the remainder of his days. At one time he owned four hundred acres of land. He was twice married. By his first wife, Sally Snyder, the following children were born: Moses, who died in the army; Manda, who married first Thomas Stafford, who died in the army, and secondly, Joshua Anderson, also now deceased, and she resides at Sanborn; John, who also lost his life in the War of the Rebellion; Mary, deceased; James, residing in Jefferson township, this county; William Thomas, our subject; and Armon, of Jefferson township.

William Thomas Spencer obtained his education at the schools held within an old log school building, but his educational advantages were indeed very limited, as most of his time was spent in helping his father to subdue and improve his farm. On March 28, 1864, Mr. Spencer enlisted in Company C, First Regiment of Heavy Artillery from Indiana, and received his honorable discharge January 10, 1866. He saw much actual fighting, including the engagements at Mobile, Alabama, but was fortunate in not receiving any wounds. After the war ended he returned to his father's home in Greene county, where he remained until his marriage, February 27, 1877, to Manda Blevins, born February 4, 1861, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Corbin) Blevins. The father was in the Union army at the time of the Civil war, and died after having been captured and taken to a rebel prison. The mother still lives and resides in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, she having married again, her second husband being Jacob Purcell. At the date of Mr. Spencer's marriage he owned eighty acres of land, which constitutes a part of his present farm home, the same having been settled by James Smith, one of the very earliest settlers. Here Mr. Spencer lived and labored until 1883, when he purchased forty acres adjoining and to the north, where he now lives. He has conducted a general grain and stock farm, in which he has been crowned with success. He is a member of the Baptist church, as is also his wife. He naturally finds a home with the veterans of the Civil war, and belongs to Henry T. McClung Grand Army Post at Pleasantville, of which he had the honor of being commander in 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer have seven children, all living: John Moses, born March 20, 1878, married Mary Good and resides in Jefferson township. They have two children—Hershel and Donne. William Thomas, Jr., born February 10, 1881, and residing in Sanborn, married Bertha Lucas. Sallie Elizabeth, born July 22, 1883, married Charles Hinkle and lives near Carlisle. Corda Doll, born November 10, 1885, is now in Sullivan and is a music teacher. Lottie May, born May 6, 1890, resides at home and is in school. Charles Benjamin, born February 28, 1892, and Eliza Olive, born November 22, 1896, are both in school. Mr.

Spencer has one of the old parchment deeds, which bears the signature of one of the old presidents. This is the tenth deed found in Sullivan county, Indiana.

ISAAC A. BRYAN, one of the younger farmers of Sullivan county, whose pleasant farm home is situated on the rural mail route running out from New Lebanon, is a native of Fayette county, Ohio, born January 26, 1876, a son of Josiah and Mary (Wilson) Bryan, both born in Ross county, Ohio, the father September 4, 1842, and the mother March 2, 1846. The father, who followed farming for a livelihood, came to Indiana in 1901, having the year before purchased one hundred and ninety-eight acres of land in Gill township. Here he conducted a successful farming business until his death in November of the same year in which he came to this place to reside. After his death the widow resided on the same farm until 1906, when she purchased a home on North Main street in Sullivan, where she expects to spend the remainder of her days. Josiah Bryan enlisted in 1862, at Chillicothe, Ohio, in Company I, Seventy-third Ohio Regiment, and served three years and nine months. He was slightly wounded in the ankle, and at another time in the stomach. The children of Josiah and Mary (Wilson) Bryan were: Flora, deceased; Louise, deceased; Edward, residing in Colorado; Isaac A., of this notice; and Eva, deceased.

Isaac A. Bryan received his education at the village schools of Stanton, Fayette county, Ohio. He remained with his father until the latter's death and with his mother until his marriage, and the estate was then divided between the mother, his brother and himself, Isaac A. remaining on the old homestead place. It contains sixty-four and a fraction acres, upon which he carried on a general farming and stock business. He made great changes and excellent improvements after taking the farm, including the clearing of some of the land, fencing and other conveniences needed about a first-class place, making it one of the best equipped places in his township. He sold his estate in Gill township and purchased ninety-three acres in Hamilton township. This place is known as "The Marlow" farm and is located about four miles northeast of Sullivan.

In his church faith Mr. Bryan is identified with the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and has been president of the board of stewards in this church. Politically he is a firm supporter of the Republican party. On January 7, 1903, he was married to Miss Belle Holt, who was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, January 9, 1886, a daughter of Thomas and Mary E. (Prose) Holt, who came to Indiana in September, 1898, locating in Gill township on a farm, and he also operated a threshing machine. The father died February 7, 1908. The mother still resides in the township. The date of the father's birth was August, 1866, and the mother's the same year. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are the parents of three children: Mary Louise, born January 10, 1904; Doris Waneta, born December 28, 1906; and Floyd Theodore, born June 2, 1908.

Mr. Bryan is a member of the New Lebanon Modern Woodmen of America Camp No. 5488, and carries for the protection of his family a thousand dollar policy.

CHARLES W. HARDY, deceased, who was one of the progressive farmers of Gill township up to the date of his death, April 26, 1901, was a native of Ross county, Ohio, born March 9, 1840, a son of David and Rosanna Hardy. His father died in Ohio, and it is supposed that his wife died there. This worthy couple were the parents of five children: Mary A., deceased; John, a widower residing in Ohio; David, residing in Benton county, Indiana, also a widower; one who died in childhood; and Charles W., of this notice.

Charles W. Hardy attended the common schools of Ohio and received a fair education. After the death of his mother he made his home with a friend of the family in Ohio for a number of years, and then worked for various persons for about three years. He then became a land-renter in Ohio, in which state he thus continued until 1885, when he removed to Sullivan county, Indiana, and bought eighty acres of land. After residing on this land three years he sold and bought eighty acres where his widow now lives, and also sixty-six acres near this, which now belongs to his son. He remained on this farm until death called him from earthly scenes in April, 1901. He was a man whose success was achieved by none other than his own efforts, together with the womanly assistance given him by his good wife, who now carries on the old homestead, aided by her youngest son.

During the Civil war period he served as a member of Company K, Eighth Ohio Cavalry, for three years, and very naturally found a place in the Grand Army of the Republic after the war closed. This organization was formed by the old veterans. In religious faith he was of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and had been a class leader, steward and Sunday-school superintendent at one time and another. Politically he voted the Republican ticket, but never aspired to or held local offices to any considerable extent.

On January 30, 1871, he was united in marriage to Margaret A. Grim, a native of Ross county, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Barbara (Grub) Grim, both natives of Ross county. Her father was a farmer in Ross county and resided in other sections of the Buckeye state, where he died in 1888, and his wife died several years prior. To Mr. and Mrs. Hardy six children were born, as follows: William Edward, born in Ohio January 12, 1872, married Mollie Rusk, of Sullivan county, Indiana, and now resides in Gill township. They are the parents of three children—Bulah H., Charles, and Floyd Allison, all at home. Frederick Marcus, born October 12, 1875, in Ohio, married Miss Carrie Troth, of Terre Haute, and they have one child—Forest Leroy. John Hays, born September 30, 1876, died January 30, 1878. Della May, born September 8, 1877, is the wife of Edgar T. Allen, residing in the country near Sullivan, and they are the parents of one child—Opal Belle. Minnie

Belle, born July 3, 1880, is unmarried and resides with her mother. Leroy Allison, born July 14, 1888, resides with his mother.

Of the Grim family (Mrs. Hardy's people) it should be added that in her father's family there were nine children, of whom five are now living: Mary Ann, widow of William Long, and residing in Greene county, Ohio; Martha J., widow of Samuel Grimes and living in Springfield, Ohio; Allison, of Madison county, Ohio; Lewis F., residing near Springfield, Ohio; and Margaret A., the widow of Charles W. Hardy.

EDWARD PEARSON, deceased, who is remembered by the citizens of Gill township, Sullivan county, with feelings of great esteem and regret at his demise, was a native of Crawford county, Illinois, born August 14, 1851, a son of Joseph and Henrietta (Booth) Pearson. Joseph Pearson was a native of Pennsylvania and his wife of Kentucky. The father went to Illinois before his marriage, settling on a farm in Crawford county, where he lived the remainder of his life and died there. The mother was a distant relative of J. Wilkes Booth, who assassinated President Lincoln. The date of her death was in April, 1892. Joseph Pearson, the father of him for whom this notice is written, was a soldier in the Mexican war, as is shown by the records. Joseph and Henrietta (Booth) Pearson, were the parents of ten children, Edward being the seventh in order of their birth.

Edward Pearson attended the district schools of Crawford county, Illinois, and later the high schools of Sullivan county, Indiana, as well as the Cecilian College near Elisabethtown, Kentucky, and the normal at Terre Haute. He remained under the care of his parents at home until he reached the age of twenty-three years, when he worked his father's farm one year. His father then purchased another farm, which he sold to Edward and his brother. This joint farm partnership existed two years, when Edward sold his interest in the property, which was known as the Scott farm, near Sullivan. He then purchased a two hundred and forty-acre tract upon which his widow now resides. Here he made many most excellent improvements, including the erecting of good buildings, fences, a spacious and comfortable farm house, and planted out a quantity of fruit trees. On this well improved farm he carried on general farming until his health failed, when he was obliged to rent the farm. He went to Colorado hoping to regain his health, and remained there one year. He then came back and soon went on to New York city and entered a sanitarium, in which he remained three months, and went from there to Vincennes in April of that year. In July he returned to the farm, and again went to Denver, Colorado, where he died January 15, 1901. The widow still lives on the place and expects to the remainder of her days. Her son-in-law, who is manager of the farm, and his wife reside with her. Mr. Pearson was a man of kindly, but firm disposition, purely a self-made man in the true meaning of this term, and one who was esteemed by all within the radius of his acquaint-

ance. In his church relations he was connected with the Roman Catholic church. Early in his life he was a supporter of the Democratic party, but latterly of the Populist party.

Of his marriage and children it may be said that he was united in marriage, February 22, 1881, to Melvina O'Flynn, born near Dublin, Ireland, May 17, 1849, a daughter of Michael and Winifred (Flinn) O'Flynn, both parents being natives of Dublin. The mother was born in 1820 and the father about 1817. In 1849 they emigrated to America, first stopping in Canada, but later moved to New York city. After a time they moved on west to Pittsburgh, Indiana, where the father was engaged in railway construction. After a few years there they removed to Evansville, where he died April 10, 1854, and the mother died September 30, 1896, at Vincennes, which was then her home.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Pearson are as follows: One who died in infancy; Agnes, who was born December 6, 1885, and died aged seven months; Edna Clare, who was born July 29, 1886, and is the wife of Arthur Coffman; and Winifred Celestine, born January 10, 1890, and a student in the Christian College at Merom, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Coffman reside on Mrs. Pearson's farm, of which he is the manager, and they have one little daughter, Anna Katherine. Mrs. Pearson is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church at Sullivan, Indiana, and her daughters, Edna and Winifred, are members of the same church. Mr. Pearson's remains are interred in the Catholic cemetery at Vincennes, Indiana, and a beautiful monument stands sacred to his memory, erected by his loving wife.

JEFFERSON GANAWAY JACKSON, one of the thoroughgoing farmers of Jefferson township, Sullivan county and a veteran of the Civil war, is a native of the township in which he now lives, born there July 10, 1840. He is the son of John T. and Mary L. (Pirtle) Jackson. The paternal great-grandfather came from Ireland, being attached to the British army at the time of his coming to our shores. But soon after arriving in this country he deserted the English and joined the Continental army. He also had two brothers who deserted the British army and fought for American independence; they were named James and William. John Jackson, Sr., the first to come to this country, had a son named for him, known as John, Jr., who became the grandfather of Jefferson G. of this biography. John, Jr., had a son, John T., the subject's father, among his children. John and Susan (Thomas) Jackson were both natives of Virginia, but emigrated to Kentucky, where they died. John T. Jackson was born July 7, 1810, in Lebanon, Kentucky, and died in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1887. He is buried at Pleasantville. He was married in Kentucky and was an overseer on a plantation. Leaving the south on account of slavery he came to Sullivan county, Indiana, about 1836, settling in the north part of Jefferson township, where he remained one year, and then returned to Kentucky and sojourned there one year. He had caught a glimpse of the opportunities in the north

and returned to Sullivan county, where he purchased forty acres of land and later entered one hundred and sixty acres. Here he lived, labored and died, a trustworthy man. He was an extensive grain and stock grower. Politically he always voted the Democratic ticket. Both he and his estimable wife were prominent in their church work, connected with the Methodist church, of which they were members. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary L. Pirtle, was born in March, 1813, in Springfield, Kentucky, and died in 1904, being buried beside her husband at Pleasantville. The children of this union were as follows: John H., of Jefferson township, married Nancy McClung; William A., deceased, served three years in the Civil war; James W., of Jefferson township, married Zilphia Wallace; Jefferson G.; Harriette R., wife of Mr. Buck, both deceased; Mary E., who married George W. Martin and is now deceased, her husband residing at Sullivan; and Susan, who died young.

Jefferson G. Jackson obtained his education at the common schools and remained at home until he enlisted in the Federal army to suppress the Rebellion. In August, 1862, he became a member of Company C, Fifty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment, and was discharged May 30, 1864, after participating in the following engagements: Corinth, Mississippi, October 3 and 4, 1862; Haines Bluff, Mississippi, spring of 1863; Port Gibson, Mississippi, spring of 1863; Raymond Mills in the same spring; Jackson, Mississippi, Champion Hills and Vicksburg. He was also at Missionary Ridge, Tennessee, and at Dalton, Georgia. The regiment then joined Sherman on his famous march to the sea. The last engagement in which Mr. Jackson took part was that of Greensboro, North Carolina. After his discharge he returned to his home in Sullivan county, where he remained until his marriage. In 1867 he purchased a farm of forty acres a mile and a half from where he now lives. There he built a log house and went to housekeeping and was supremely happy in the new made home. He remained there until 1872, then bought eighty acres of his present farm two miles south of Pleasantville. Mr. Jackson retired from active work about 1900, having been highly successful in farming and stock raising. He has long since been identified with the Odd Fellows order, belonging to lodge No. 408 at Pleasantville, he being the oldest member in that lodge. He is past grand of his lodge, and prizes highly the associations of this fraternity. He is also now a Master Mason, belonging to lodge No. 647 at Sanborn. Having worn the loyal blue in Civil war days, he naturally finds a place in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to McClung Post, of which he is a past commander and quartermaster. Politically Mr. Jackson is an ardent supporter of the Republican party.

On March 20, 1867, he was married to Rebecca Corbin, born April 28, 1845, in Jessamine county, Kentucky, and died November 29, 1900. She was the daughter of Martin and Amanda Corbin, natives of Virginia, born in Culpeper county, but who moved to Kentucky, where the mother died, after which the father married Amanda Jett. They went to Sullivan county, Indiana, about 1850, and in 1880, to Kansas, where he died. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are the parents of five children: Elza A., born

April 28, 1868, died October 12, 1871; Mary M., born December 25, 1869, died April 1, 1908; Wiley A., born December 8, 1871, and a resident of Greene county, married Lula Loudermilk; Amanda E., born September 5, 1876, died August 14, 1878; and John M., born February 9, 1881, and residing in Lyons, Indiana, married Daisy O'Haver. Mr. Jackson is a member of the Baptist church, as was his wife during her lifetime.

CHARLES M. WELSH, one of the general dealers of Fairbanks, was born July 16, 1856, a son of James M. and Eliza A. (Thixton) Welsh. The father was born in Clark county, Illinois, and the mother in Fairbanks, Indiana. The grandparents were John Welsh, born in Kentucky, and Bluford and Betsie (Welton) Thixton, of Knox county, Indiana. The parents were married in Fairbanks township and settled on a farm there, and there the mother died July 2, 1895, and the father September 10, 1902. Charles M. is the third of three sons and four daughters born to his parents. He spent his boyhood days on the farm, as most farmer boys do, and remained at home until thirty-six years of age. In 1890 he went to the town of Fairbanks and commenced to deal in flour and corn meal. This he carried on successfully until 1895, when he engaged in the general merchandise business. He was compelled to rebuild and greatly enlarge his business house to accommodate his increasing trade. His store is thirty-five by one hundred and thirty feet.

Politically he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Odd Fellows order, lodge No. 763, of Fairbanks, and is also identified with Masonry, a member of lodge No. 373 at Fairbanks, of the Chapter of Sullivan, of the Sullivan Commandery and of the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis.

Mr. Welsh was united in marriage, April 15, 1884, to Mary Rebecca Holmes, born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann (Rickets) Holmes, of the same county in Ohio. Mrs. Welsh died December 23, 1893, without issue. He married November 19, 1908, Mrs. Josie (Devol) Dille. She was born on the 22d of August, 1869, at Middletown, Indiana.

JOHN THOMAS ROSE, deceased, resided on rural free delivery route No. 1 out of Fairbanks, Indiana. He was reared in Randolph county, North Carolina, the date of his birth being February 20, 1839, and he left home at the age of sixteen years. He was the son of Thomas and Jerusha (Dillon) Rose, of North Carolina. Young Rose worked at teaming until nineteen years of age, and then went to Henry county, Indiana, remained about one year and came to Sullivan county of this state, where he followed farming until he enlisted in the Union cause, as a Civil war soldier in the autumn of 1861, being a member of the Fifty-first Indiana Regiment of Volunteer Infantry. About one year later he was transferred to the marine corps and served in that department until his discharge at the end of three years of service. He then

returned to Fairbanks township and was united in marriage to Rebecca Drake, after which he settled in Turman township, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land and where five years later his wife died. By this marriage two children were born, as follows: Jerusha, Mrs. John Ridgway, and Emma, Mrs. William Thomas, both of Fairbanks township. After the death of his wife Mr. Rose went to Hudsonville, where he was in business a few years, and in 1878 came back to Fairbanks township and purchased a farm, seventy-two acres being situated within Fairbanks township, and later he bought three hundred and sixty-five acres below Graysville, now known as the Hawkins farm. He operated that farm and raised blooded horses and other stock. He was highly successful in his operations as a farmer and stock raiser. He died March 23, 1901, and was buried at Drake church cemetery.

Mr. Rose was three times married. His second wife, nee Anna Riggs, died leaving an infant son named Chauncey, who died aged two years. He was married the third time, June 30, 1878, to Mrs. Melinda (McKee) Drake. Her father, William McKee, was the son of John and Jane (Watson) McKee, pioneers of Turman township. Her great-grandfather, John McKee, was a native of Scotland, who on coming to America settled in Tennessee and came from there to Sullivan county, and here spent his last days. Mrs. Rose's mother, Susan Harris, was the daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Paddock) Harris, pioneers of Fairbanks township. Mrs. Rose's first husband, Albert Drake, a farmer by occupation, was a life-long resident of Fairbanks township, where he died March 23, 1876.

WILLIAM CARL USERY, ESQ.—Conspicuous among the representative men of Cass township is William C. Usery, Esq., of Sullivan, a man of ability, integrity and worth. Well educated and talented, he has been for many years associated with the advancement of the educational interests of our country, and has likewise been an important factor in promoting the agricultural and industrial interests of town and county, at the present time devoting his attention largely to fruit culture. A native of this township, he was born January 1, 1846, in the log cabin built by his father, the Hon. David Usery, on the site of the present village of Cass, coming from pioneer stock. His father was born in 1818, in White county, Tennessee.

Rev. Philip Usery, the grandfather of William C., came from Tennessee to Indiana at an early day, he, with his family, making the entire journey on horseback. He became one of the original settlers of Greene county, and the pioneer in the spreading of the gospel news, being a preacher in the Christian church. An earnest and tireless worker in the Master's vineyard, he preached in many places, making his circuit on horseback, following bridle-paths and frequently going over heavy and almost impassable trails, his mode of traveling being in strange contrast with those pursued by the clergymen of to-day. Removing from Greene county to Sullivan county, he bought land in the northwest quarter of

section one, Cass township, and there resided until his death, at the age of seventy-two years. The maiden name of his good wife was Mary Warren. She was born in Massachusetts, belonging to the same family as General Joseph Warren, who fell at the battle of Bunker Hill. She died at the age of eighty years, and was buried beside her husband in the Antioch churchyard in Cass township.

A boy when he came with his parents to Indiana, David Usery grew to manhood in Greene county. Subsequently entering government land in Sullivan county, he obtained title to a tract which included the site of the village of Buel, now called Cass, and the cabin of round logs which he at once erected was the first building on the village site and the birthplace of his son William. He afterwards built a hewed log house, and after a time erected a good frame house. He cleared a large tract of land, and after a time embarked in mercantile pursuits, opening the first store in the township and keeping a stock of general merchandise. He bought his supplies in Evansville, and they were brought here by teams, that being before the time of railroads. He also dealt extensively in live stock and superintended the care of his farm. Disposing of all his interests in this locality in 1873, he moved to Baxter Springs, Kansas, where he bought land and was actively employed in agricultural pursuits until his death, March 4, 1884. He married Susan Pigg, who was born in Tennessee, a daughter of James and Mary (Neeley) Pigg, natives of Tennessee and pioneers of Sullivan county, Indiana. She died about two years before he did, her death occurring in February, 1882. She reared eight children, namely: Joseph Warren, James, Philip, William Carl, Nancy, Frances, Mary and Anna. David Usery was a man of commanding presence, six feet and one inch in height and weighing, when at his best, three hundred and sixty pounds. He was an influential member of the Democratic party, prominent in public affairs, and was twice elected to the state legislature.

Brought up amid pioneer scenes, William Carl Usery remembers well the homespun garments which his mother made for the family from the material which she herself carded, spun and wove, and also remembers the excitement caused among the neighbors when his father, while in the legislature, sent home a cook stove, the first one ever brought into the place, the people from miles around coming to see it. He attended the pioneer schools of his day, going first to a subscription school kept in a small log cabin, which was heated by a fire in the fireplace, while light was admitted through a strip of greased paper inserted in place of a log. The seats were made of split logs, the floor was of puncheon, and the scholars learned to write upon a slab placed against the wall, using a quill pen. The schoolmaster was always early at his desk, and the pupil that got there first was the first to recite his lesson. At the age of eighteen years Mr. Usery began teaching, receiving at first one dollar and fifty cents a day wages. He was successful in his work, and taught in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas, continuing thus employed for twenty-six terms, in the meantime being engaged to a considerable extent in both mercantile and agricultural pursuits. His father

had given him eighty acres of land lying north of and adjoining the village of Buel. Subsequently selling that land Mr. Usery spent two years in Kansas, after which he returned to Indiana, and taught in Greene and Sullivan counties. Going again to Kansas in 1879, he was engaged in teaching and farming in Cherokee county, afterwards being similarly employed in Vernon county, Missouri. Returning to Sullivan county in 1889, Mr. Usery traded for the farm upon which his mother was reared, and this property he still owns. Removing from it in 1903, he assumed possession of the property which he had previously purchased in the business part of Sullivan. He has also a farm lying half a mile from the village center and a fifteen-acre tract of valuable land, two acres of which is within the corporated limits of the village. Here he has lived since 1903, and has devoted the greater part of his time to the culture of fruit. He has, however, traveled some, and with his wife spent the winter of 1907-08 in California.

Mr. Usery married, November 12, 1868, Mary J. Wilson, who was born in Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, October 17, 1844. Her father, Martin Wilson, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, and came to Indiana with his father, Judge Joseph Wilson, a pioneer of Haddon township and one of the early judges of Sullivan county. Martin Wilson improved a farm in Haddon township, it being the estate now owned and occupied by his son, George T. Wilson, and there resided until his death in his eightieth year. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary P. Lamb, was born in Kentucky, and died in Indiana at the early age of thirty-three years. Five of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wilson grew to years of maturity, as follows: Mary J., now Mrs. Usery; William; George T.; Joseph; and Anna. Mr. and Mrs. Usery are the parents of four children, namely: Martin W., Winona, Ida May and Will F. Martin married Mary Carter, and they have two children, Musetta and Warren C. Winona, wife of John L. Story, has five children, Eula, George Dewey, Inez and Florence and Lawrence, twins. Ida May, wife of Harper L. Davis, has four children, William Ray, John Basil, Elva and Cleo. Prominent in public affairs, Mr. Usery was appointed justice of the peace in 1904, and elected to that office in 1907. Religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Usery are members of the Christian church, and have reared their children to the same faith.

WILLIAM R. FRAKES, an ex-county treasurer of Sullivan county and one of the thoroughgoing farmers of this section of the state, is a native of Fairbanks township, this county, born November 18, 1845, a son of John and Charity (DeBaun) Frakes. His father was born in Vigo county, Indiana, February 19, 1824, and died August 17, 1899, in Fairbanks township. The mother was born in the "Blue Grass" state of Kentucky about 1827, and came to Sullivan county, Indiana, when a child. She was of French descent, and was united in marriage in Sullivan county. Her death occurred June 7, 1905. John Frakes, the father, was a farmer all his life. He was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party and both he

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and his wife were exemplary members of the Baptist church. They were the parents of eleven children, five of whom still survive and are as follows: William R., Abraham, Martha Ellen, John and Eliza Jane.

William R. Frakes was reared in Fairbanks township, and there obtained a good education. He taught school for ten years, during which time he attended the Ascension Seminary at Farmersburg, which was founded by Captain William T. Crawford, of Sullivan, Indiana. In 1876 he moved to Jackson township and began farming. In 1880 he was elected a justice of the peace and served in that capacity for twelve years, being elected on the Democratic ticket. After this he was employed in a store for the Jackson Hill Coal Company, and in 1892 moved to Hamilton township, resigning the office of justice of the peace. After residing in Hamilton township four months he moved back to Jackson township, and in 1894 was elected county treasurer of Sullivan county. In the spring of 1895 he moved his family to Sullivan, taking his office in August, 1895, and serving until January 1, 1900. In July, 1899, he moved his family to his present farm, which contains two hundred and forty acres of well improved land. He still retains his eighty acre farm in Jackson township, as well as a sixty acre tract in Hamilton township. He carries on both grain and stock farming in an up-to-date manner, and is one of the joint-owners of a celebrated imported Percheron stallion.

Mr. Frakes was married, August 18, 1872, to Mary J. McDonald, born November 15, 1848, in Curry township, Sullivan county, Indiana, a daughter of Preston and Elizabeth (Douglas) McDonald. Her father was born in Nelson county, Kentucky, February 21, 1827, and died December 20, 1898. He was of Scotch-Irish lineage and served in the Seventy-first Indiana regiment three years during the Civil war, holding the rank of sergeant. Politically he was a Republican, and his occupation was that of a farmer. He died in Kansas. His wife was descended from both Scotch and Dutch ancestry; she was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, but came to Sullivan county early in life, and now resides in Kansas. The five children born to Mr. and Mrs. William R. Frakes were as follows: Lillie, born August 19, 1873, died October 22, 1878; Ivy, born April 8, 1875, is the wife of Sampson E. Walters, residing in Haddon township; May, born February 14, 1877, is unmarried and at home; Roy, born December 12, 1879, married Clara Deckard and lives in Hamilton township; and Josephine, born January 8, 1888, is unmarried and at home. The family are members of the Christian church. The children are well educated and have finished the full public course. Mr. and Mrs. Frakes have in their possession one of the old parchment deeds executed under the hand and seal of President Martin Van Buren, and which bears the date of October 1, 1840, this the tenth deed found.

ALEXANDER W. C. DICKERSON, one of the older men who are engaged in farming in that goodly portion of Sullivan county known as Fairbanks township, was born near Louisville, Kentucky, June 30, 1835, a son of John S. and Mary (Bostwick) Dickerson, of Kentucky, in which state

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the grandparents also resided. About 1840 the parents, John S. Dickerson and wife, went to Orange county, Indiana, where they died in the autumn of 1854. Alexander W. C., of this sketch, was the eldest of four sons and four daughters in his parents' family. When sixteen years of age he was bound out by his father to serve until he was nineteen years of age. On March 31, 1854, he went to Hamilton township, Sullivan county, where he lived until 1865, and then sold his property there. He had previously purchased land at Fairbanks, to which place he removed. He was a machinist and engineer, and also a sawyer and worked in the mill at Sullivan from 1854 to 1861, when with his partner, Mr. Badger, he moved a saw mill to Vigo county and operated it two years. His next location was in Fairbanks township, where he now owns one hundred and twenty acres of land situated in sections 25, 26, 34 and 35. There he built all the buildings and improved his place. From 1854 to 1868 his business was exclusively milling, but since 1868 he has conducted his farm and occasionally operated a saw mill. Mr. Dickerson received a common school education in Kentucky and in Orange county, Indiana. In politics he is a Republican, while in religious faith he is of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is an honored member of the Masonic order, belonging to Fairbanks lodge No. 373.

He was united in marriage in the month of May, 1858, to Lucy J. Park, born a half mile east of Sullivan, a daughter of Joshua L. and Rachel E. (Walls) Park, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The children by this union were: Oscar L., of Springfield, Ohio; Oce D., who died aged seven years; Nancy J., Mrs. John Kelley, of Turman township; Edna May, Mrs. William Gaston, of Fairbanks township; and Hattie Jane, who became Mrs. Thomas Redifer and died in November, 1907. For his second wife Mr. Dickerson married Mary F. Lawson, born in Turman township, Sullivan county, November 19, 1853, a daughter of John J. and Harriet (Wisner) Lawson, natives of Ohio. By this marriage the issue was: Warren K., of Fairbanks township; Clara Mondella, now Mrs. Chalmer Moore, of Hamilton township; Ada Aurelia, who died aged eleven years on February 13, 1894; Celia C., now Mrs. Claud Byers, of Bloomington, Indiana; and Walter Guy, at home.

JOHN WILLIAM BOWEN, an agriculturist of Fairbanks township, was born in Ballard county, Kentucky, September 27, 1872, and attended the public schools of Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana. He is the son of James A. and Charity (Davidson) Bowen, the father a native of Ohio and the mother of Tennessee. The grandfather was John Bowen, of Ohio, and a pioneer of Kosciusko county, Indiana. James A. and Charity (Davidson) Bowen were united in marriage in 1864 in Tennessee, and three years later moved to Kentucky, where they resided until the spring of 1878, when they moved to Vigo county, Indiana. They continued to live there until 1901, when they moved to Brazil, remained there two years and then located in Fairbanks township. The children

in this family consisted of two sons and four daughters, of which family the subject, John William Bowen, was the third child. He spent his youthful days with his parents, and when nineteen years of age commenced farming on his own account in Vigo county, within Prairie township. After one year at that point he moved to Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, where he rented land and resided on property owned by his wife. In 1895 he moved to the village of Fairbanks, where he was employed with C. M. Welsh until August, 1903, and then traded town lots he owned for more land in Fairbanks township suitable for farming purposes—twenty acres in section 8 and fifty acres in section 7. In the spring of 1904 he erected a house and barn and is now fully prepared to conduct successful farming. He raises hogs and deals some in cattle.

Politically Mr. Bowen is a Democrat, and he was elected in the fall of 1904 to the office of township trustee of Fairbanks township. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Fairbanks lodge No. 763 and also of the Rebekah lodge No. 650. Concerning his domestic relations let it be said that he was united in marriage, February 21, 1892, to Sindora De Camp, born in Fairbanks township July 5, 1874, a daughter of Moses and Margaret (Hutchison) De Camp. The father was born in Ohio and the mother was born in Kentucky. The grandparents were William and Mary A. (Reynolds) Hutchison, of Kentucky. The issue of the union of Mr. Bowen and wife is as follows: Florence Myrtle, born March 3, 1893; Opal, born March 23, 1896, and died October 14, 1900; Geneva Ellen, born November 14, 1900; and Jerome Otho, born September 8, 1903.

JAMES G. POUND, of Fairbanks, Indiana, was born in Vigo county, this state, March 28, 1837, a son of Elijah and Lydia (Drake) Pound, natives of Butler county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents, Thomas and Sarah (Kester) Pound, were natives of Virginia, and the maternal grandparents, James and Sarah (Paddock) Drake, were also from that state. The grandfather Pound went to Vigo county in the month of October, 1816, settling in the wilderness, and he entered land there which had to be cleared, as it was a dense forest country at that date. He remained there until his death in 1848, and his wife died the same day on which his death occurred. The grandfather Drake came to Fairbanks township in 1817, settling about two miles southwest of the village of Fairbanks. He also entered timber land, and besides this land entered more in Parke county, Indiana. He improved his possessions of many acres. He was twice married and the father of sixteen children, ten by the first wife. He was an associate judge of Sullivan county several years, and also held other public positions. He died aged eighty-seven years, on June 14, 1864.

Elijah Pound, the father of James G., was born October 18, 1801, and went with his parents to Vigo county, where he continued to reside until his marriage. His wife, born in 1802, came to Fairbanks township

with her parents, and after marriage they settled in Linton township, Vigo county, and resided there until 1862. He was a trustee of Linton township for many years. In 1862 he moved to Fairbanks township, where he owned land and where he died about 1878. His wife resided with her daughter Sarah Johnson until death in about 1888. Ten children were born to Elijah and Lydia (Drake) Pound, as follows: Cynthia A., born January 25, 1823, married Ephraim LaForge and resides in Vigo county; Melissa, who died in 1896, in Nebraska, married Thompson Watson; Sarah, born January 25, 1826, is the widow of B. Johnson and a resident of Fairbanks; Louisa, born August 31, 1827, married Levi Johnson, of Fairbanks; William H., of Terre Haute; Thomas, who died in 1871; Elizabeth, Mrs. James Boyles, died about 1878; James G., of this sketch; Elijah, who died about 1885; and Ellen, Mrs. Preston Beauchamp, of Linton township, Vigo county.

James G. Pound remained with his parents until his marriage, August 30, 1859, to Sarah Miller, born in Linton township, Vigo county, April 15, 1838, a daughter of David and Rebecca (McGrew) Miller, natives of Kentucky. After the marriage of Mr. Pound he moved to a farm in Vigo county, where he farmed in Linton township until March 11, 1872, when he sold his place and purchased land in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, adjoining the town plat of Fairbanks. There were one hundred and twenty acres in the tract, and to this he added and sold in town lots. Up to about 1896 he conducted his farm, but since that date he has lived retired, and his youngest son now conducts the farm. In his political belief Mr. Pound is a firm and ever loyal Democrat, and he held the office of county commissioner from 1892 to 1898. He is a member of the Primitive Baptist church, of which he has been moderator since 1894. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to lodge No. 373 of Fairbanks.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Pound are as follows: Ida B., Mrs. William Pogue, a widow since 1896, and residing at Fairbanks; William H., of Turman township; Charles D., a general merchant at Fairbanks and a farmer; Hattie, widow of Willis Pitman, and a resident of Fairbanks township; and Lyman, on the homestead farm. Mr. and Mrs. Pound have thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

NICHOLAS YEAGER, numbered among the successful agriculturists of Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, who has since 1903 been leading a retired life, has performed his full share in the development of the excellent farming section in which he has lived so many years. Mr. Yeager is a native of Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana, born December 17, 1830, a son of Vincent and Sarah (Piety) Yeager, the father being a native of Tennessee and the mother of Kentucky. The paternal grandparents were Nicholas and Henrietta (Bailey) Yeager. The former was born in Pennsylvania, of German descent. The maternal grandparents were Austin and Mary (Miller) Piety, of North Carolina

and Kentucky, respectively. Vincent Yeager, the father of Nicholas, went to Terre Haute with his parents just after the war of 1812, before Terre Haute was laid out. They purchased many acres of land on the county line, in the southern part of Vigo county, the same being within the heavy timber. The grandfather lived there until 1837, and then sold out and moved to Louisiana, where he died. Vincent Yeager resided in Middletown until 1837, when he sold, intending to move to Texas, but after getting as far south as New Orleans he was induced on account of the border troubles connected with the Mexican war to locate in another section of the country. He remembering his old home in the north retraced his steps to Fairbanks township, Indiana, where he entered a quarter section of timber land in section 12. This tract he improved, and there resided about fifteen years, when he removed to Middletown, where he died in November, 1874. His good wife died in 1876. There were four sons and four daughters born to Vincent Yeager and wife, Nicholas being the eldest of his parents' children, and he has one brother living, Frank, of Middletown, and a sister, Mary J. (Mrs. Lewis B. Hale), of Fairbanks township.

Nicholas Yeager spent his youth at home, and was married May 12, 1853, to Isabell Dilley, a native of Fairbanks township, and a daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Johnson) Dilley, natives of Pennsylvania. After his marriage Nicholas Yeager moved to a sixty-acre tract of land in section 2 of Fairbanks township, which had been given him by his father, and of which fifteen acres were already in cultivation. Here he erected a log house sixteen by eighteen feet. As he was prospered he added to his land from time to time until he owned three hundred and forty acres, but he has generously given his children land until he now has but one hundred and seventy acres, which is situated in sections 2 and 1—one hundred and six in the former section and the remainder in section 1. Forty acres of this land is in pasture and the remainder under a good state of cultivation.

Mr. Yeager obtained his education in the old fashioned log school house, in which was held the "subscription" school which obtained prior to the present free school system. He is an exemplary member of the Christian church, and in his political views affiliates with the Republican party. He served as a justice of the peace for four years, and was the census enumerator in 1880 for his home township. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Earnest lodge No. 508 and Jerusalem Chapter of Sullivan, No. 81. He was made a Mason at Fairbanks, and served seventeen years as the lodge secretary and one term as senior warden. He also belongs to the Farmers' Grange of Vigo county.

Mr. Yeager has been twice married, first to Isabell Dilley, on May 12, 1853, and she died March 28, 1879, the mother of the following children: James F., of Middletown, Indiana; John F., of Fairbanks township; Sarah A., who died November 1, 1886; Nancy Jane, who died December 13, 1882; Francis V., of Spokane, Washington; William C., of the last named city; Theodosia, at home; Vienna, who died February 22, 1894; Joseph, of San Francisco; Nora, who died November 8, 1900;

Ida, Mrs. Charles Shattuck, of Prairie Creek township, Vigo county, Indiana; and Alberta, Mrs. Archie Vangilder, of Linton township, Vigo county, Indiana. For his second wife Mr. Yeager married, December 6, 1888, Chloe Willis, born in Haddon township, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (South) Willis. The father was born in Kentucky and the mother in Sullivan county. The grandparents were Richard and Sarah (Alsman) Willis, of Sullivan county, and Henry and Chloe South, natives of Kentucky. By Mr. Yeager's second marriage one child was born—Willis N., who was born March 24, 1891, and died in infancy.

JOHN FREMONT YEAGER is a thoroughgoing farmer whose excellent place is situated in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county. He is a native of the township where he now resides, born October 4, 1855, a son of Nicholas and Isabell (Dilley) Yeager, natives of Sullivan county, Indiana. The paternal grandparents were Vincent and Sarah Yeager, natives of Pennsylvania and Kentucky, respectively, and the maternal grandparents were Joseph and Nancy (Johnson) Dilley, the former born in Scotland and the latter in Kentucky. The father, Nicholas Yeager, is still living in Fairbanks township, aged seventy-eight years.

John Fremont Yeager's parents had five sons and seven daughters, he being the next to the eldest child in the family. He remained at home until twenty-three years of age, when his father gave him thirty acres of land, which he cultivated and added to until he now owns one hundred and fifty-seven acres, all in section 1. This includes about fifteen acres of good timber land. Upon this farm, Mr. Yeager carries on general farming and stock-raising in a successful manner, thus making him one of the independent men of the county. In his youth he had the advantages of the common schools, which fitted him for the occupation which he has always followed, that of agriculture. Since 1875 he has been a member of the Christian church, in which he has served as an overseer since 1888. Politically he is a staunch defender of Republican party principles.

Concerning his domestic life it may be said that he married, October 13, 1878, Ida Piety, born in Fairbanks township, a daughter of William H. and Jane (Perry) Piety. The father was born in Vigo county and the mother in Fairbanks township. Mr. and Mrs. Yeager are the parents of the following children: Everett, of California; Isabell, who died in infancy; May, a school teacher, at home; Addie, of the Normal School at Terre Haute; Lewis, now a resident of the state of Washington; Morris, at home; Belle, of Fairbanks township; Glenn, at home; Carrie, at home; Ralph, who died at the age of four years; and Floyd, at home.

JOSEPH VAN KIRK MERRILL, one of the industrious agriculturists whose excellent farm home is situated within the limits of Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, is a native of Marion county, West Virginia,

born February 20, 1853, a son of Harrison and Elizabeth (Prickett) Merrill, natives of the same county. The father, who was a farmer, died in his native state on May 3, 1875, while his wife died in 1862. Joseph Van Kirk was the next to the oldest of five sons in the family. There were two half-brothers by the father's second marriage.

Mr. Merrill lived with his father until his death, when he came to Fairbanks township and worked at farming up to the date of his marriage, in April, 1886, to Sarah A. Dix, born in Fairbanks township, a daughter of Eli and Mariam (Bundy) Dix. The father was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, and the mother was born in Randolph county, of the same state, in 1813. The grandparents, William and Elizabeth Pittman (widow of Mr. Bundy), were natives of North Carolina, and Moses and Ann (Jessup) Dix, of the same state. Mrs. Merrill's father came to Fairbanks township in 1819 and entered a large tract of land—timber and prairie land—and saw many Indians and wild animals, including deer. He raised ten children, eight of whom now survive. The eldest, Joshua E., is now a resident of Sedalia, Pettis county, Missouri, where he owns property. He resided in Fairbanks township until 1886, moving for his wife's health.

After his marriage, Joseph Van Kirk Merrill took up his residence on the farm owned by his wife's father in section 35. His wife owned two hundred and four acres of the old homestead, and Mr. Merrill purchased one hundred acres adjoining it, and has carried on general farming there. The place contains one of the best brick residences within the township, the same having been erected in 1858, and it stands on a beautiful building site and is surrounded by fine shade and ornamental trees. Politically, Mr. Merrill is a Democrat. He belongs to the Odd Fellows order, and is progressive and public-spirited.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Merrill are as follows: Clair E., born May 25, 1887, and Claude D., born July 12, 1901. Clair E. Merrill now cultivates a portion of the home farm. He married Mabel Drake.

ALVA DE BAUN, a farmer of Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, who resides on the rural free delivery route No. 1 out from Shelburn, is a native of the township in which he now resides, born August 6, 1862, a son of Samuel and Angeline (Harris) De Baun, natives of Fairbanks township. The paternal grandparents were Abram and Nellie (Lyster) De Baun, who came from Kentucky. The maternal grandparents were Benjamin and Mary (Simer) Harris, of Butler county, Ohio.

Samuel De Baun, the father, married and settled in Fairbanks township and remained until 1868. He then went to Vigo county, Indiana, and in 1871 to Parke county, same state, where he purchased land, to which he has since added until he now owns over six hundred acres. His occupation has always been that of farmer and stock-raiser. His wife died May 19, 1880. Their children were seven sons and six daughters. Of these thirteen children, eleven still survive, and Alva is the fourth born of the seven sons.

Mr. De Baun made his home with his parents until his marriage, April 28, 1887, to Emma Frakes, born in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, Indiana, May 4, 1867, a daughter of Peter and Ella (Biggs) Frakes. Her father was born in Fairbanks township and the mother in Fountain county, Indiana. The grandparents were Daniel and Agnes (Harris) Frakes, of Butler county, Ohio, and Uriah and Jane (Boggs) Biggs, of Fountain county, Indiana.

After his marriage Mr. De Baun took up his residence in Penn township, Parke county, upon unimproved land, which he brought under a good state of cultivation. To his original land he added forty-eight acres of improved land. Here he carried on farming and stock-raising in a most successful manner until October, 1906, when he sold his farm and moved back to his old home township and bought two hundred and two and a half acres of land, about sixty acres of which is timber, the remainder being tillable land and pasture. He still raises large numbers of sheep, cattle and hogs, also some fine horses.

He was educated at the public schools of Sullivan, Vigo and Parke counties. Politically he is of the Democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. De Baun are the parents of the following children: Murray, born October 26, 1888; Maurice, born June 2, 1890; and Maud, born February 24, 1896.

HENRY JOHNSON, one of the retired agriculturists of Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, was up to 1895 one of the energetic farmers, whose activities extended over many long years of toil and anxiety in the accomplishment of what he in his young manhood set out to attain in the way of becoming a successful agriculturist. He is a native of Fairbanks township, born July 30, 1824, a son of James and Jane (Vandine) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The grandparents were Daniel and Abigail Johnson. Upon the marriage of Mr. Johnson's parents they took their wedding tour to Fairbanks in 1818, then entering timber land belonging to the government. So wild was the country at that date that panthers, wolves and other wild animals infested the wilds of the then dense forest land, which had not up to their coming been molested by the pioneer ax and breaking-plow. They reared a family of five sons, the subject of this memoir being the third child. He was reared to the hardest kind of labor—that of clearing out trees and brush. He had no educational advantages, his father dying when he was but four years of age, and the mother married Henry Wyman, after which they removed to Marion county, Indiana. After six years at the last named locality they returned to Fairbanks township, where they lived until their death. Henry made his home at his mother's place until twenty years of age, always working faithfully for his step-father. He was united in marriage in the month of September, 1845, to Elizabeth Armstrong, a native of Kentucky and a daughter of Abel and Ann Armstrong. The following children were born of this union: Preston A., deceased; Malinda J., Mrs. James W. Milligan, of Fairbanks, Indiana; Nancy A., Mrs. Addison Drake, of

North Dakota; Sarah E., who died in infancy; Margaret L. Mrs. Jeff Johnson, of Fairbanks township; Mary E. Mrs. Hiram Drake, of Fairbanks township.

Mrs. Johnson died July 9, 1884, and he married secondly, September 23, 1886, Sarah A. (Anderson) Pittman, born in Sullivan county, Indiana, a daughter of Robert and Cynthia (Drake) Anderson, of Kentucky. She was the widow of John Milligan, by whom she had two children: James W. and William R. After the death of her first husband she married Allen Pittman, and they had two children—Martha Louisa and Sarah Emeline. The former died in infancy and the latter married Albert Hanger, of Curry township.

After the subject's first marriage he bought eighty acres of land in Fairbanks township, where they lived in a log house for twenty years, and then made an addition to the same. They commenced housekeeping with about two and a half dollars in money. He kept adding to his acres until he now owns eleven hundred and nineteen acres, all within Fairbanks township except eighty-five acres in Curry township, and he gave each of his children a large farm besides the large land-holding mentioned. He resided on his first farm for over fifty years. Since March 26, 1895, he has lived in Fairbanks. For one of his years, Mr. Johnson is very active, and is thoroughly competent to look after his own large business interests. His wife was born June 11, 1828, and is still vigorous and possessed of a wonderful memory. Mr. Johnson attended the subscription schools in a log house. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church, and in politics he is a Democrat.

ORLANDO C. BREWER, an extensive land-owner of Sullivan county, is a native of the township in which he now resides, born May 22, 1858, a son of James and Mary (Johnson) Brewer, natives of Turman township, and both reared at Graysville. The paternal grandparents, John and a Miss (Cook) Brewer, were natives of Ohio, and the maternal grandparents, James L. and Hannah (Watson) Johnson, were natives of Tennessee. The grandfather Brewer was among the pioneer band in this section of the state, having settled where now stands the thriving city of Terre Haute, when it was a wilderness. He cultivated land where now stands the business portion of the city. After a short stay there he went to Turman township and engaged in the mercantile business at Graysville, and still later moved to Sullivan and there followed the same vocation. After a number of years' successful operation at that point he returned to Graysville, where he died.

James Brewer, the father, spent his life on a farm in Sullivan county, owning at one time four hundred and twenty acres of choice land in Fairbanks township. He died October 21, 1889, while his good wife survived until May 4, 1891. Six children were born of this union: Mary A., who died in 1888, aged forty-one years; Sarah H., died in 1863, aged fourteen years; Frank R., who died in 1855, aged three years; Theresa J., who

died in 1889, aged thirty-four years, and who was the wife of Charles Ramsen; Orlando C., of this memoir; and Nancy E., Mrs. C. E. Harrison, of Fairbanks township.

Orlando C. Brewer spent his youthful days on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-four he bought eighty acres of land, to which he kept adding until his estate now consists of four hundred and eighty acres in sections nine and ten of Fairbanks township, all in one body. Here one sees the well-tilled and productive fields of a farmer who gets the best paying results by a careful study of his various pieces of land, together with plenty of industry and hard labor, the necessary qualities in any kind of a business undertaking. He is a believer in the saying that "Fortune is a lazy goddess, she will never come to you." In addition to his farming interests he has come to be a stockholder in the Farmersburg bank.

He was happily married April 20, 1882, to Louisa Johnson, of Fairbanks township, born May 12, 1861, a daughter of Bethuel and Sarah (Pounds) Johnson. The father was born in Fairbanks township, a son of James and Jane (Vandine) Johnson, pioneers of Fairbanks township. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brewer: Vernon and Ray, both at home with the parents. Mr. Brewer attended the common schools of Sullivan county, and in his political views is a Democrat. He was a member of the county council for four years. He is an advanced Mason, belonging to Fairbanks Lodge No. 373, at Fairbanks, and the Chapter at Sullivan, No. 81, and to the Eastern Star degree. Mrs. Brewer is also a member of the Eastern Star.

ELIJAH H. DILLEY (deceased).—Elijah H. Dilley, a farmer of section 16, Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, who lived on the rural free delivery route No. 3 out from Farmersburg, was born in Effingham county, Illinois, May 15, 1846, a son of Jonathan and Adeline (Henry) Dilley, natives of Kentucky. The maternal grandparents, Elijah Henry and wife, were natives of Kentucky. The parents of the subject were married in Lawrence county, Indiana, where they resided several years, and then removed to Effingham county, Illinois, and resided for a time. Then, returning to Indiana, he bought land in Fairbanks county. In 1849 he joined a company and made an overland journey to California, spending several months on the way, and he was quite successful there. About two years later he returned to Fairbanks township and resumed farming. He enlisted early in the Civil war in the Forty-third Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged and returned home and farmed a few years. Then on account of ill health he went to Glenn county, California, and stopped a short time, but as his health continued to fail he returned to Fairbanks township and died here shortly afterward. His widow survived him.

Elijah H. Dilley enlisted in Company E, Sixty-second Illinois In-

fantry Regiment, February 27, 1864. While he was fortunate in never receiving wounds while in service of his country, he did contract diseases from which he never recovered. He was discharged from the Army of the Mississippi in 1866, after which he came to Fairbanks township and bought a farm in the northern part of the township, and three years later bought the place where his widow now resides, the place being three-quarters of a mile northwest of Fairbanks village. There are two hundred acres in this farm, all of which are well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He was always a farmer by occupation, and raised much fine stock. His education was obtained at the public schools in Indiana and Illinois. He was a member of the Christian church of Middletown. He was first married in 1868 to Mary Ann Neal, born in Fairbanks township, a daughter of Walker and Matilda (Pogue) Neal, natives of Indiana. The issue of this marriage union was: Nora, deceased; Teressa, at home; and Mattie, who died aged twenty-six years. For his second wife he married, May 25, 1878, Rose Denney, born in Monroe county, Indiana, September 1, 1850, a daughter of John W. S. and Sarah (Gaskins) Denney. The father was born in Kentucky and the mother in Washington county, Indiana. The grandparents were William and Margaret (Scott) Denney, of Kentucky, and John and Mary Ann (Kite) Gaskins, natives of Indiana. The children born to Mr. Dilley by his second wife were: Elba, who was born May 25, 1882, and died aged eleven years; Harry D., born March 17, 1887; and Elijah Homer, born September 21, 1889, and now superintends the farm. The death of Mr. Dilley occurred November 3, 1907. Thus one by one and all too frequently are the veterans of the Civil war dropping out of the vast army that was dispersed in 1865-66. He was a brave man, a good citizen, a true husband and devoted father.

JAMES MARVIN DE BAUN is well known in the agricultural circles of Sullivan county, Indiana, as residing in Fairbanks township, where he carries on general farming and stock-raising. He is the son of Simon and Angeline (Harris) De Baun, and was born January 6, 1865. The place of his birth was Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, Indiana, where he was educated in the common schools. The father, Simon De Baun, was a native of Kentucky, while the mother was born in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county. When a mere lad the father went to Fairbanks township with his parents, and after his marriage he settled on a farm east of Fairbanks village, where he lived until 1867, and then lived in Vigo county four years. His next location was within Parke county, Indiana, where he purchased land, and resides there at the present time—1908. His wife died in 1880. He was the father of seven sons and five daughters, ten of whom still survive, and of whom the subject, James M., is the eldest.

James M. De Baun spent his youth at home on his father's farm, and continued to reside there until his marriage, June 9, 1889, to Ida Ory,

born in Parke county, Indiana, February 12, 1872, a daughter of Marion and Mary (Hadley) Ory. After his marriage he lived on and farmed rented land until 1897, when he moved to his father's farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He also has one hundred and five acres in Vigo county, which he also farms. He raises hogs and cattle quite extensively. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. De Baun have the following children: Ester Mae, born April 17, 1891; Orville Raymond, born March 29, 1893; Cloyd Fay, born March 29, 1895; and Orsa Vernan, born February 22, 1897.

JOHN F. HARRISON, well known as an industrious farmer and raiser of Duroc swine in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, was born in section 35, Fairbanks township, March 18, 1858, a son of Benjamin and Sarah M. (Wisner) Harrison. The father was a native of North Carolina, while the mother was born in Clay county, Indiana. The grandparents, Henry and Ann (Beason) Harrison, were from North Carolina. The father, Benjamin Harrison, accompanied his parents in 1818 to Clark county, Illinois, when but eighteen months old. He lived there with his parents until 1842, when he went to Sullivan county, Indiana, and there purchased forty acres on the bottoms of the Wabash river, and later added thereto and cleared from timber and improved a large tract, at one time owning a tract of eight hundred acres. Two hundred acres of this land was situated in Clark county, Illinois. He died July 22, 1887, and his good wife laid down the burden of life March 12, 1896. He had, however, been married twice, and had four daughters and one son by the former union. The children were: Narcisus and Emma Jane, living at Rocky Ford, Colorado; Rachel A., Mrs. William Lawson, of Sullivan, Indiana; Sarah E., Mrs. Levi Strain, of Fairbanks township; and one son, who died aged three years. For his second wife, mother of our subject, Benjamin Harrison married the widow of James Cowan, who by the first marriage had two children—Martha, Mrs. William A. Shields, of Turman township, and Mary Bell, Mrs. O. P. Badger, also of Turman township. The children born to the subject's parents, Benjamin and Sarah M. (Wisner) Harrison, were as follows: Milton A., born April 22, 1856, died February 22, 1875; John Fremont, of this notice; Cassius E., of Fairbanks township; and Edward, who died aged three years and three months.

Up to the date of his marriage John Fremont Harrison spent his years with his parents, and in his early youth he was permitted to attend the common schools a few years. He was married September 30, 1884, to Jessie Medsker, born in Turman township, Sullivan county, Indiana, March 3, 1867, a daughter of William and Sylvia (Baker) Medsker. The mother was born in New York. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Harrison took up their residence on a sixty-five acre farm in Fairbanks township, where they lived about three years, and then removed to a place in Turman township containing ninety-two acres, where they resided for

eight years. Their next location was on the farm purchased of his brother, the same being a part of the estate of the father. Here Mr. Harrison has resided ever since. He now owns one hundred and eighty acres in his home place, and ninety-two acres near Graysville. He carries on general farming and makes a specialty of raising Duroc-Jersey hogs, horses and mules, and to some extent fattens cattle for market.

In his political affiliations Mr. Harrison is a loyal supporter of the principles of the Republican party. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison are as follows: William B., born October 18, 1885, at home; Arthur E., born July 4, 1887, at home; Ralph H., born December 25, 1898; and Hazel E., born October 13, 1890, died June 3, 1899.

CHARLES E. CURTIS, of the younger generation of farmers and stock-raisers residing in Gill township, Sullivan county, was born in Hamilton township, of this county, January 12, 1866, a son of James R. and Olive J. (Mooney) Curtis. The father of Charles E. was born in Hamilton township, March 2, 1842, a son of Gideon and Elizabeth (Dudley) Curtis, natives of North Carolina. They settled in Washington county at an early day, remaining thirty years, and then moved to Sullivan county, settling in Hamilton township. Their place was about one mile from Sullivan in a southwestern direction, and there they continued to live almost twenty-four years, when they sold and moved to Turman township, bought land, and resided there eight years, then sold and made their home with their children. The grandfather died in the autumn of 1884 and the grandmother, March, 1901.

James R. Curtis, the father of Charles E., remained at home with his parents until he had reached his majority, and then commenced renting land and farming. He was united in marriage, in March, 1863, to Miss Olive J. Mooney, a daughter of William and Lucy (Irwin) Mooney, natives of Floyd county, Indiana, and farmers by occupation. The father died there about 1850, and the widow married Abraham Cantwell, a native of Ohio. They then moved to Illinois, remained a short time, and went to Sullivan county; later back to Illinois, and thence to Tennessee. They lived in the last named state eight years, and then moved to Sullivan again. Mr. Cantwell served as a Civil war soldier in the Seventeenth Indiana Regiment as a private and lieutenant of his company. After they had resided there in that place about two years he was taken to the Soldiers' Home at Lafayette, where he died from an operation. Lucy J. Cantwell resided at the Soldiers' Home at Lafayette, thus fulfilling her husband's dying request, until her death, December 3, 1908. Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery at the home beside that of her husband.

James R. Curtis had rented land twelve years and operated a sawmill seven years, and then bought eighty acres of land in Gill township, where he still lives. He is a member of the Christian church. The children born to James R. and Olive (Mooney) Curtis are as follows: Jennie, wife of Albert Lane, and their children are Ola and Elma; Charles E., of this notice; A. G.,

engaged in the railway mail service and residing in Sullivan, married Eva Morgan, and they have eight children—Fred, deceased, Ray, Frank, Nellie, Lucy, James, Abe J. and Harold, all at home; William A., married Lizzie Catlin, and they reside in Oklahoma, where he is a minister in the Christian church, and they have four children—Roy, Gertrude, Olive and Hester Lucile; Estella, wife of Dr. Bailey, and their one child is Lawrence; Cora, wife of Elmer J. Bittle, of Hamilton township, and their two children are Keith and Francis W.

Charles E. Curtis, a son of the above James R., started out in life for himself at the age of twenty-two years. He commenced school-teaching in 1885 in the districts of Gill township, and has taught every winter since except that of 1903. He farms his place, consisting of eighty acres, which he bought in 1890. Here he carries on general farming and stock-raising in a most systematic and successful manner. Mr. Curtis is identified with the Odd Fellows order, and in politics is a Democrat.

He was married May 12, 1889, to Miss Lydia M. Payton, born in Parke county, Indiana, May 31, 1871, a daughter of John L. and Sarah (Stout) Payton, natives of the same county, and farmers. They came to this county in 1877, locating on a farm at Paxton, where the mother died in 1888. The father still survives and resides in this county.

The issue of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis is as follows: Rugby, born May 3, 1891; Paul, born August 26, 1896; Mildred, born November 13, 1898; and Charles William, born August 9, 1908.

WALKER V. JENNINGS, one of the heaviest taxpayers within Curry township at this date, and the only exclusive lumber dealer, is a man possessed of much business ability, and is well known, as he who was for many years connected with the hardware trade here. Mr. Jennings was born June 26, 1865, in Marion county, Indiana, a son of Abel J. and Fannie M. (Willsey) Jennings, the former born in March, 1812, in Hampden county, Massachusetts, and died January 10, 1877, while the latter was born in 1824 in Auburn, New York. Abel J. was a captain on a Lake Erie sailboat for five years before his marriage, when he quit the sea and engaged in farming and operating a saw and feed mill at a point within Marion county, Indiana, where he continued to live and operate until 1867, when he went to Curry township, in Sullivan county. There he purchased a farm and built a steam sawmill. His land there consisted of a one hundred acre tract, and there he spent the remnant of his life, with the exception of one year in Missouri. He was quite a hunter, and delighted in the huntsman's chase. By trade he was a carpenter. When he first located in Sullivan county he lived in a log cabin, but soon built the first frame residence in his section of the county. The old log house is still standing as a relic of the early times within this township. While much of a politician and a Democrat of uncompromising principles, he would not hold public office. His reason for coming to Sullivan county was to raise his young family in a Democratic county. Of his twelve

living children the following is an account: Marshall A., residing in Farmersburg, is a veteran of the Civil war; Harriet (Grey) resides in De Witt county, Illinois; Mary (Shackow), residing in Oklahoma; Millie (Hiatt), of Oklahoma; Sylvester, of Curry township; Emery and Emma, twins, and both living in Sullivan county; Rufus A., of Oklahoma; Mattie (Moore), of Vigo county, Indiana; Katherine (Tharp), of Curry township; Walker V., of this sketch, and Elza W., of Farmersburg.

After the death of the father, Walker V. Jennings lived with his mother until his marriage, April 14, 1885, to Lucretia Lloyd, born in 1868, a daughter of John G. and Elizabeth Lloyd. The latter is now deceased, but the former is residing here. In 1884, one year prior to Mr. Jennings' marriage, he bought a sawmill and threshing machine, which he operated until 1900; but in 1894 he engaged in the lumber business at Farmersburg with his brother, Emery J., and they continued as partners two years, when Mr. Lloyd bought E. J.'s interest. Soon a partnership was formed between E. J. and E. W. Jennings and John Lloyd for the purpose of engaging in the hardware trade, coupling with it lumber and farm implements. In 1902 this partnership was dissolved by mutual consent, and Walker V. Jennings went into the lumber business alone. He is a stockholder in the Citizens' State Bank and one of its directors. In 1907 he bought out his competitor in the lumber business, and now has the only yard in the place.

He for whom this notice is written is a Democrat in his political views, and is now a school trustee and secretary of the board. He is connected with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Blue lodge, No. 504, at Farmersburg, and the Chapter and Council and Commandery at Sullivan. He has taken twelve degrees, and is a member of the Eastern Star, No. 168, as is also his wife. They have twice represented the lodge at the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Mr. Jennings and family are members of the Central Christian church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jennings are: Clennie M., wife of D. W. Bolinger, and they reside in Indianapolis; and Cecil J., residing at Farmersburg, married Edythe Huntwork. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings gave their children good practical educations, and the daughter at one time attended the Christian College, at Merom.

JAMES M. HOWARD, one of the enterprising agriculturists of Sullivan county, Indiana, who by the frugality and success which have attended his operations as a tiller of the soil for a long term of years has finally wisely chosen a retired life in which to more befittingly enjoy the fruits of his toil in his earlier years, was born November 5, 1840, in Jefferson township. Of his parentage it may be said that his father was Rual and his mother Mary (McConnell) Howard. The former was a native of Kentucky, but came to Sullivan county, Indiana, prior to his marriage. After becoming a citizen of this county he entered land and remained until death. His father was Joseph Howard, a native of North Carolina,

who moved to Kentucky, and about 1831 to Sullivan county, Indiana. Rual Howard's wife bore him thirteen children, ten of whom reached their majority, and of this number seven still survive. They are as follows: Strather M., deceased; Sarah J., who married John Newkirk, and both are now deceased; James M.; Mary A., residing in Jefferson township, the widow of John Douthit; Francis M., deceased, formerly of Jefferson township; Miranda, deceased; Jasper, deceased; Eliza, deceased, was the wife of Isaac Yates; William T., who resides in Florida; one who died in infancy; and Newton, a resident of Carlisle, Indiana.

James M. Howard was educated at the common schools of his native county, and when old enough to exercise the right of franchise voted with the party which he still supports, the Democratic. When twenty-five years of age he left the old home and its surroundings, hallowed because of its early memories, and began to carve out his own fortune and make a name among his fellow men worthy of a true American citizen. He first rented land in Jefferson township, and in 1869 purchased sixty acres in Greene county and lived there until 1872, when he leased a farm for one year near Pleasantville. The next three years he resided in the same house with his father-in-law in Greene county. Having plenty and to spare, Mrs. Howard's father gave her a beautiful tract of land containing one hundred and nineteen acres, which is located three miles south from Pleasantville, and upon which they now live and carry on successful farm operations, yet lead a retired and satisfactory life.

October 11, 1870, marked an important event in Mr. Howard's career, for upon that day he was married to Eva Spencer, born September 9, 1853, a daughter of Charles and Frances (Owens) Spencer, both of whom are now deceased. The children born to brighten and cheer this home are: Mary F., who was born September 22, 1871, and died in 1873; Sarah E., born March 9, 1873, and now residing in Jefferson township, the wife of James G. Loveall; Lyman M., born January 17, 1875, at home, unmarried, operating a sawmill, and also a carpenter; Charles R., born January 6, 1877, married Elva Trinkle and resides in Bloomington, Indiana; William L., born December 11, 1881, wedded Miss Edna Booker and resides with his parents at Pleasantville; Cordia D., born April 28, 1886, resides at Sanborn, Indiana, married to Clifford Wells; Nellie, born March 22, 1891, wedded Goldie Herndon and resides in Jefferson township; and Opal D., born August 20, 1893, died July 23, 1903.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard are members of the Missionary Baptist church located three miles southeast of their residence in Greene county. Mrs. Howard has one of the old parchment deeds executed under the hand of President Martin Van Buren and dated March 20, 1837, a valuable souvenir in her home.

ORA POOL, one of the reliable general mercantile dealers of Pleasantville, Indiana, is a native of Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, born February 18, 1881, a son of Jeremiah M. and Nancy (Long) Pool. His father was born in 1833, in Greene county, Indiana, and now resides

in Stockton township of that county. The mother was born in 1837, in Frankfort, Kentucky, and came to Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1852, with her parents, who were farmers. Jeremiah Pool, who has been a successful agriculturist many years, has retired, but still remains on his sixty-five acre farm. He resided in Sullivan county from 1860 to 1882, when he moved back to Greene county.

The grandfather was William M. Pool, whose wife was named Martha, and both were Virginians by birth and of English descent. They came from Virginia to Greene county, Indiana, in 1830, and lived there the remainder of their days. He was both a farmer and a cooper. William M. Pool was the son of William M., Sr., who was born in England and came to this country in 1770, settling in Virginia, near Charlottesville. He was a captain in the Revolutionary war against England and became a tobacco planter and held slaves.

The children born to the subject's parents were as follows: Amanda, born 1868, married George Tincher, and resides in Greene county, Indiana; William M., born in 1873, married Nora O. Firebaugh, and resides in Greene county; Walter L., born in 1875, married Rosa Spencer, and is living in Greene county; Charles, born 1877, died in 1885, and Ora, of this sketch. Jeremiah Pool married for his first wife Amanda Bedwell, by whom four children were born, as follows: Samantha married Francis M. Howard, and is residing in Jefferson township, Sullivan county; Wiley, deceased; Mary married Sherman Hull and resides in Linton, Indiana; Alonzo, residing in Stockton township, Greene county, Indiana, married Elizabeth Beck.

Mr. Pool, of this narrative, received a common school education and graduated from the Linton high school. Politically he is a Republican. He is connected with the Knights of Pythias order, lodge No. 358, at Pleasantville, and is the vice-chancellor of his lodge. He set out for himself at the age of twenty-one years as a coal miner in the mines of Greene county, Indiana, continuing there until 1906, when he went to Pleasantville and there engaged in the general mercantile business, and is still thus engaged. Besides his stock of goods he owns about fourteen hundred dollars worth of real estate in Pleasantville.

Mr. Pool was married May 9, 1901, to Effie Spencer, born August 22, 1883, in the township in which she now resides, the daughter of James and Sarah Spencer, both natives of Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana. One child has blessed this union—Ira, born November 20, 1906.

MRS. MARY ANN (HOWARD) DOUTHIT, widow of John M. Douthit, of Jefferson township, Sullivan county, was born September 19, 1842, in Jefferson township, this county, a daughter of Rual and Mary (McConnell) Howard. Her father was born in Jefferson, Kentucky, and died in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1876. Her mother was a native of Haddon township, this county, and died here in 1875, at about the age of sixty years. Rual Howard was the son of Joseph Howard,

who was born in England and with six brothers came to America, at first locating in New York, where they finally separated, Rual going to North Carolina and later emigrating to Kentucky at the time Daniel Boone went to that section. He was a first cousin of Mr. Boone. In 1831 Mr. Howard came to Sullivan county, Indiana, settling in Jefferson township, where he ever afterwards resided. He followed farming pursuits throughout his entire life. Politically he was a supporter of Democracy, and in the church of his choice was a Baptist, as was his wife. The ten children of this family were as follows: Strawther M., deceased; Sarah J. Mrs. Newkirk, a widow now residing in Linton, Indiana; James M., residing in Jefferson township; Mrs. M. A. Douthit, subject; Francis M., residing in Jefferson township; Jasper, deceased; Miranda E., deceased; Newton, residing at Carlisle, Indiana; Eliza, Mrs. Isaac Yates, who resides in Pleasantville, and William C., residing in Florida.

Mrs. Douthit was united in marriage, January 16, 1859, to John M. Douthit, born March 17, 1836, in Jefferson township, this county, and died June 2, 1904. He was laid to rest within the Indian Prairie Cemetery. He was a son of Ira and Sarah (Ellis) Douthit, both of whom were natives of North Carolina, where they were also married and carried on farming operations, coming to Sullivan county, Indiana, at a very early day—about 1830. At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Douthit had a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. They moved to this land in 1861. The place now contains one hundred and eighty-five acres, having once been a tract of three hundred and fifteen acres, but a portion was disposed of. Politically Mr. Douthit was a firm believer in the principles of the Democratic party. He belonged to the Baptist church, as does his widow. During the Civil war he served five months in the Union cause. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Douthit, as follows: Victoria, born January 3, 1861, married George Lucas and resides in Knox county, Indiana; James E., residing in Sullivan, and who married Mary Hooper; J. Frank, born 1865, resides in Sullivan; Grace, residing in Sullivan, married William Medley; William R., residing with his mother and is unmarried and carries on the farm; Mary Edna, who married George Robbins and resides in Knox county; Sarah Estella, Mrs. Frank Robbins, residing in Haddon township; Emmet L., living in Knox county, Indiana, and who married Grace Padgett; Lucy E., who married Alonzo C. Owen and resides in Sullivan; Glenn Opal, a graduate of the Danville Normal School of Indiana, has taught five years in Sullivan county, and is now a teacher in the schools near Sullivan, and Nellie, who died in infancy.

JAMES TIMMERMAN, engaged in the harness business at Pleasantville, Indiana, and noted for the excellent quality of work turned out, especially in the line of his hand-made harness, for which he has a wide reputation in this section of Indiana, will form the subject of this biographical notice. He was born June 4, 1859, in Knoxville, Ohio, the son of Nimrod and

Hannah (Thompson) Timmerman. His father was born in 1818 in Virginia, and died about 1904 in Pleasantville, Indiana. The mother was born in 1820 in Ohio, and died in Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1901. The Timmerman family are of German ancestry, but quite far removed. Nimrod Timmerman was first engaged in mining in Ohio, to which state he went when a young man. Later he abandoned the mining business and began shoemaking. He remained at that in Knoxville, Ohio, until 1865, when he went to Sullivan county, Indiana, locating near Pleasantville. He purchased eight lots in Pleasantville, and was engaged a part of his time at farming and the remainder at coal mining, occasionally working at the shoemaking trade. Politically he voted with the Republican party, and in church connection was a Methodist Episcopal, as was also his wife. He was active in all church movements and served as one of the trustees in the church of his choice. Ten children were born to Nimrod Timmerman and wife, born and named as follows: John W., who was killed at the battle of Perryville, Kentucky, he having served eighteen months in the Union army at the time of the Civil war; Katherine, residing in Toronto, Ohio, married George McNeal; Samuel, a resident of Greene county, married Katherine Hinkle; Samuel, who served three years in the Union cause during the Civil war; William, residing in Greene county, Indiana, married Jane Purcell; Emma, who married James Hale, and she is now deceased and he lives in Jefferson township, Sullivan county; Elizabeth, Mrs. Patrick, a widow residing in McLeansboro, Illinois; Mariah; Mrs. Brewer, residing in Pleasantville, and James, of this notice.

James Timmerman was educated at the common schools of Pleasantville, Indiana, and chose the useful trade of a harnessmaker. He began to work at this with Strawther Howard at Pleasantville when but fifteen years of age, continuing there for four years, and during that time he well mastered the trade. In 1878 he commenced traveling and working at his trade, and in 1880 went to work for Peter Miller, of Terre Haute, and remained with him five years, after which he came back to Pleasantville and engaged in the harness business with W. P. O'Haver, with whom he was associated as a partner for seven years. In 1893 he purchased his partner's interest in the business and has since operated the harness shop alone. He makes a specialty of his hand-made harnesses, and has all he can do in this line of work. He has succeeded well at his business and has accumulated a handsome property, owning his stock, eleven town lots and his residence property in Pleasantville.

In his political affiliations he is a Republican, and in church choice is a Methodist, as is also his wife. He is a trustee of the church of which he is a member. He also holds a membership in lodge No. 408 of the Odd Fellows at Pleasantville and has filled all the chairs of his lodge and represented it in the Grand Lodge of the state of Indiana. As a means of protection to his family he is associated with the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 4029, at Pleasantville. He was united in marriage, April 17, 1890, to Cally Loudon, born February 8, 1864, a daughter of Joseph and Phoebe Loudon, both deceased. The father was a tanner by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Timmerman are the parents of three children:

Teressa, born January 9, 1891, now teaching music and attending school; Ray, born August 30, 1894, in school, and Mary E., born August 10, 1896, in school.

ARMAN SPENCER, an agriculturist of Sullivan county, residing in Jefferson township, was born January 25, 1845, in Greene county, Indiana, a son of Charles J. and Elizabeth (Snyder) Spencer. The paternal grandfather, Moses Spencer, was a native of Kentucky, and followed farming pursuits throughout his entire life. He came to Greene county, Indiana, and bought his son, Charles J., a farm. He attained the advanced age of eighty years, while Charles J. reached the extreme age of ninety-one years. Charles J. Spencer was twice married, first to Elizabeth Snyder, by whom he had the following children: Moses, who died in the Civil war; Mary (Brewer), now deceased; John, who is deceased, having also served in the war; Mandy, whose first husband died in the army, and she afterward married Joshua Anderson, also a soldier in the same war and now deceased, and she resides in Sanborn; Joseph, residing in Jefferson township; William T., of this township, and Arman, of this sketch. For his second wife Charles J. Spencer married Frances Owen, by whom five children were born, as follows: Sarah, who married Herrod Risley; Charles J., Jr., now of Sanborn, Indiana; Eva, of Jefferson township, and who married James Howard; Frank, of Jefferson township, and Logan, deceased. The father, Charles J. Spencer, was formerly a Whig, and joined the Republican party when it superseded the Whigs. He was a member of the Baptist church and its deacon, and his wife also belonged to that denomination.

Arman Spencer obtained his schooling in the country schools of his home district. His youth, however, was spent largely in assisting his father in clearing up his forest farm and making the necessary improvements to gain for the family a comfortable and valuable home. He remained with his parents until he reached his majority, then married and lived with his father one year, at which time he bought forty acres of land where he now resides, the place being four and a half miles southwest of Pleasantville. This place he cleared from out the heavily timbered land, unaided by others, which task was no small undertaking. He now owns sixty acres of excellent land, all well improved. He pays special attention to the growth of grain.

Mr. Spencer has been twice married, first in 1868 to Ellen Risley, by whom one child was born, Nancy J., born in 1869 and married Daniel Owen, now deceased, and she resides at Vincennes. Mrs. Spencer died in 1876, and three years later he married Helen Owen, born August 3, 1852. By this union four children were born: Daniel, who died in infancy; Anna B. and Fannie D., twins, the former married to James Wilson and residing in Pleasantville, and Fannie is unmarried and lives with her sister; and Flossy E., who married Hasseh Brewer and is at home. Politically Mr. Spencer is a Republican, and has held the office of supervisor one year.

J. WESLEY ENOCHS, who is numbered among the prosperous agriculturists of Jefferson township, Sullivan county, was born in this township April 14, 1861, a son of James M. and Margaret A. (Hinkle) Enochs. The father was born in North Carolina February 1, 1809, and died in Jefferson township, this county, April 14, 1894. The mother was born in 1820 in Kentucky, and died in this township about 1888. James M. Enochs went from his native state with his parents in 1812, and about 1835 settled in Sullivan county, Indiana, entering land in Jefferson township. He was the son of Jones and Mary (Mock) Enochs, natives of North Carolina. Jones Enochs was a farmer, and died here at the extreme age of ninety-six years. Margaret A. (Hinkle) Enochs was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Hinkle, who emigrated from Kentucky to Greene county, Indiana, about 1830 and there remained until their death. At one time James M. Enochs owned three hundred and fifty acres of land. In politics he supported the Democratic party, and he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his faithful wife. Ten children were born to this union: Eli, deceased; Mary, Mrs. Brewer, of Greene county, Indiana; Manda, Mrs. Howard, residing in Gill township, Sullivan county; the next two children died in infancy; Ruel, deceased; Angeline, deceased; Ellen, deceased; Eliza, Mrs. Phillips, residing in Knox county, Indiana, and J. Wesley, of this notice.

J. Wesley Enochs received his education at the common schools. He is a member of the Methodist church, as is also his wife. Politically he is a supporter of the Prohibition party, believing that neither of the other great political parties will ever solve the temperance question in this country. He is connected with the Odd Fellows order, belonging to lodge No. 408 at Pleasantville, and has filled all its chairs and represented the lodge at the Grand Lodge. He taught school one term, but aside from that he was employed by his father until his marriage, when he was the owner of one hundred and six acres of land where he now resides, but to which he has added until his present place contains two hundred and twenty-six acres. He is an excellent farmer, and pays most attention to the raising of stock.

About 1890 he was married to Stella L. Edmonds, born May 20, 1866, in Jefferson township, a daughter of Lewis and Serelda Edmonds, who reside in Sullivan. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Enochs are: Rex P., born September 10, 1892, now attending school; James H., born October 10, 1896, also in school, and Laurel A., born November 12, 1902.

THOMAS B. O'HAYER is one of the men of Jefferson township, Sullivan county, who have made their community the better for having been citizens of it, and a veteran of the Civil war, an untiring church worker and always standing for the right—such an influence can be but for good. Mr. O'Hayer was born September 30, 1844, in Greene county, Indiana, a son of Pleasant M. and Cynthia A. (Hinkle) O'Hayer. His father was a native of Tennessee and died in Pleasantville in 1881. The mother was

born and died in Greene county, the date of her death being February 13, 1868, when she was about forty years of age. Pleasant M. O'Haver came from Tennessee to Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1820, settling near Carlisle with his father, Joseph O'Haver, and he married Bettie (Swagerty) O'Haver. The name O'Haver was originally O'Heifer. Joseph settled near Carlisle and there died. The son, Pleasant M., entered land where Pleasantville now stands, and for him the town was named. At one time he owned fifteen hundred acres of land in Sullivan and Greene counties. His occupation was raising and herding cattle, besides doing some farming. In his politics he was always a firm Democrat until his later years, when he became a Prohibitionist; seeing the great and growing evil of intemperance sweeping over the land as he did he allied himself with this party. He served as township trustee two terms, and was justice of the peace several terms. Both he and his good wife were exemplary members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he was a church trustee and had held every office in the church, save that of pastor. Eight children were born to Pleasant M. O'Haver by the subject's mother, Cynthia A. (Hinkle) O'Haver, and four by his first wife, who was a widow Martin. Of the first marriage one child died in infancy and the other three lived to manhood and womanhood, but only one still survives—Mrs. Edmonds, of Sullivan. By his second marriage the children born were as follows: Thomas B.; Martha, born June 25, 1847, resides in Marco, Greene county, Indiana, the wife of Jesse Fleming; John W., born February 11, 1849, residing in Danville, Illinois, a physician who married Nina Jones; Louisa J., born February 24, 1851, and who resides in Jefferson township, married James H. Clark; James F., born March 1, 1853, and residing in Greene county, Indiana, married Sarah Flater; Charles J., born July 18, 1854, and residing in Florida, married Lulu Shepherd; Robert S., born April 20, 1856, resides in Sanborn, Indiana, and married Flora Coffee, and Grace, born January 16, 1860, married Shannon Ogg, who is now deceased, but she lives in Florida.

Thomas B. O'Haver, son of Pleasant and Cynthia A. (Hinkle) O'Haver, obtained his education at the country schools and attended school one year at Greencastle, Indiana. He remained at home assisting his father until he was twenty-five years of age. The father built a feed and flour mill in Pleasantville in 1864, and Thomas B. and his brother John worked in this mill until 1870, when they bought the property and operated it in partnership until 1876, when Thomas B. sold his share to his brother. From 1864 to 1865 Mr. O'Haver served in Company E, Ninth Volunteer Indiana Infantry Regiment. He escaped without wounds, having participated in the engagements at Nashville and Franklin, Tennessee. After selling his interest in the milling business he went back to his farm in Greene county, Indiana, and continued living on his place until 1895, when he moved to his land in Sullivan county, on the edge of the town of Pleasantville. He now owns ninety acres, but at one time owned two hundred and forty acres. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife during her lifetime. Mr. O'Haver has held all the various offices and has been active

in every interest of the church of his fathers. He belongs to the Odd Fellows' order, lodge No. 408, at Pleasantville, having filled all of the chairs and represented the subordinate lodge at the Grand Lodge which met at Indianapolis in 1878, and he also belongs to the Encampment and Rebekah degrees. He is numbered among the Civil war veterans who compose the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to McClung Post No. 476. He is now quartermaster of this post, and has held all other local offices. Politically Mr. O'Haver is affiliated with the Democratic party.

An incident of his boyhood days will be of interest in this connection: When but six years of age he was lost in what was known as the Old Goose Pond in Greene county. It was in the afternoon and he was not recovered until late that night. The whole settlement were out in search of him, and several times he was near his seekers, but he thinking they were wolves would skulk away from them, until finally he saw a light at one of the neighbor's and went to it. It proved to be at the home of Mr. Breese, who took him to his parents' home.

Mr. O'Haver was married May 11, 1871, to Sarah J. Huffman, who was born January 20, 1852, and died August 30, 1904. Three children were born of this union: Roscoe C., born November 4, 1872, married Daisy Ellis and resides at Los Angeles, California; Ora Myrtle, born January 26, 1876, married George L. Baker and resides in Worthington, Indiana, and Daisy C., born September 16, 1883, married John Jackson, a physician in Lyons, Greene county, Indiana.

MARTIN UNGERER, one of the successful and thoroughgoing farmers now tilling the fertile soil of Sullivan county, Indiana, whose farm-home is situated within Jefferson township, is a native of France, born near the city of Paris September 20, 1852. His parents were Michael and Elizabeth (Rucher) Ungerer, both born in France, but came to the United States when young people. They returned to their native land after their marriage, which occurred in Buffalo, New York. While in this country the father was employed in a factory, but upon his return to France he engaged in farming. He lived but a short time after going back, and was but forty-five years of age at the time of his decease. His wife returned to America a few years after her husband's death and located at Indianapolis, Indiana, where she died in 1895, aged eighty-seven years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ungerer were as follows: Michael, Jr., a resident of Haddon township; George, of Ohio, who married Carrie Pilotbracker, who is now deceased; John, of Haddon township, who married Catherine Lake; Martin, who will form the subject of this biographical review; Elizabeth, deceased; Barbara, residing in Indianapolis, and who married Michael Lindbayer, and Katherine, of Indianapolis, who married Henry Hockerty.

Martin Ungerer came to this country alone when aged fourteen years. He obtained the greater part of his education in his native country. He went to Columbus, Ohio, where he remained one year and then to Sullivan

county, Indiana, where he has lived ever since. It was in 1867 when Mr. Ungerer first arrived in this country, and the next seven years he spent as a farm laborer, doing his work faithfully and well, and he was never without profitable employment. At the end of that period he commenced farming on his own account, when he at once became more forehanded and independent. He farmed in Haddon township five years and then purchased a twenty-acre tract of land in Jefferson township, to which he soon added twenty more. Subsequently he added to his farm sufficient to make it eighty-one acres, its present size. This valuable property is situated five miles southeast of Carlisle, and here he carries on his farm operations, which consist chiefly in the production of grain and hogs. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, and in his religious faith adheres to that of the Methodist Episcopal church, as does his wife. Believing in the policy of protecting his family he is numbered in the great membership of the Modern Woodmen of America, his lodge being No. 3332 at Carlisle, Indiana.

Mr. Ungerer was united in marriage, October 22, 1874, to Viola J. Deiss, born in Ohio May 8, 1857. She is the daughter of John F. and Wilhelmina (Heifner) Deiss, both of whom are now deceased. The children of this union are: Rosa W., who married Burt Hart and they reside in Terre Haute; Luella May, who married Fred McCammon and resides in Knox county, Indiana; Albert N., at home, unmarried; Barney E., unmarried and at home; Eva C., wedded Curtis Critchlow and resides in Terre Haute; Garrette Martin, at home, and Ivan Oakley, at home. Albert and Barney are both members of the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp 3332, at Carlisle, Indiana.

Mr. Ungerer has purchased a residence in Haddon township and will move there for retirement, leaving the farm in charge of his sons.

COLUMBUS BOUGH, engaged in the hardware and undertaking business at the village of Pleasantville, Indiana, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, January 29, 1849, a son of Henry and Mary (Irwin) Bough. Both parents were natives of the same county in which the son was born. The father was a farmer during the later part of his life. The grandfather was a miller and Henry lived with him until his marriage and was then engaged in the mercantile business until the gold fever struck the country in 1849. In 1852 Henry Bough went to far-away California in quest of gold, and there remained until 1857. He was very successful and coming back to Ohio he purchased a farm on which he resided until his children were of age, and then sold and removed to New Lisbon, there remaining until his death in 1899; the wife, and the mother of him for whom this notice is written, died in 1897. The father was a Methodist in church connection, and politically a Democrat.

Columbus Bough obtained his schooling in the country schools and at the New Lisbon schools in Ohio, attending the high school for a time. He remained at home until he reached his majority and then was em-

ployed as a farm hand in Ohio. He learned the painter's trade and followed it for twenty years, then embarked in the hardware and undertaking business at Pleasantville, where he is still located and doing the exclusive trade in that line, as well as the handling of farm implements. His wife also conducts a millinery store in the same building. Mr. Bough owns a complete stock valued at about seven thousand dollars, besides his beautiful residence property and five acres of land within the village.

Politically Mr. Bough affiliates with the Democratic party, and in church relations is a Methodist Episcopal. While never seeking local office, he has served for seven years as township trustee. He is numbered among the worthy members of the Odd Fellows' order, lodge No. 408, and is alive to the best interests of his community.

Regarding his brothers and sisters it may here be said that there were six children in his parents' family, four of whom still survive. The names of this family are: Joseph, who was a printer in Cleveland, died in the service of his country, being a member of an Ohio regiment during the Civil war, and he was the second man in his city to enlist; Phebe, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Marcus, residing in Liverpool, Ohio; Columbus, of this notice, and John A., of New South Wales.

Mr. Bough was united in marriage, December 3, 1875, to Sarah E. Harbin, born in Greene county, Indiana, March 9, 1855, a daughter of James and Frances (Martin) Harbin. The father was a native of North Carolina, as was also the mother. They came to Greene county, Indiana, in 1845, bought a farm and there resided until 1875, when the father died. The mother continued on the old homestead about five years longer, and then went to Missouri and died in 1887. Concerning the Harbin family it may be here related that in this immediate family there were eight children, five of whom are living: Jesse, deceased; George and John, who reside in Missouri; Thomas, deceased; David, living in Kentucky; Sarah E., wife of Mr. Bough; Alvin, of Missouri, and Elmer, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Bough are the parents of the following children: A child who died in infancy; Mary Clarissa, unmarried and at home, and Teresa, wife of Dr. E. E. Padgett, of Indianapolis.

DR. BENJAMIN F. SHEPHERD, D. D. S., of Pleasantville, Sullivan county, who is the well known and highly competent dental surgeon of the village, was born at Jacobsburg, Belmont county, Ohio, January 5, 1845. He is the son of W. M. and Anna C. (Calvert) Shepherd. His father was a native of Belmont county, Ohio, born March 10, 1810. The mother was born October 10, 1806, in the same county in which her husband was born, and both families were native to eastern Maryland. W. M. Shepherd and family in 1865 moved to Iowa, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. Some years later he, with his son, he of whom this notice is written, purchased a farm jointly. Again the father engaged in business at Des Moines, in which city he died in 1880, while the mother survived until 1894 and died in Oklahoma.

B. F. Shepherd attended the public schools and an academy in Ohio

three terms and remained at home until seventeen years of age. He then enlisted in the Eighty-seventh Ohio Regiment at the time of the Civil war, serving three months. He was engaged at Harper's Ferry and was taken prisoner at that point and paroled. He enlisted again in May, 1863, in the Fourth Independent Battalion of Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and participated in several engagements. In May, 1864, he re-enlisted for three years in the Thirteenth Ohio Cavalry Regiment, he being tendered a major's command, which he declined. At Petersburg, Virginia, he was wounded, and throughout his army life he saw much exposure and hardship, though possibly not as severe as many others. After returning from the war he bought a farm in Marion county, Iowa, but only resided there a short time. He attended school at Knoxville, Iowa, one term and then began teaching school, which vocation he followed twenty years—in Iowa from 1867 to 1873; in Ohio he taught one term in Ross county, and then going to Indiana, he taught the remainder of the twenty-year period. In 1887 he began the practice of dentistry and has continued to the present time. He never attended a regular dental school, but by careful study easily passed the state board examination. In his political views Mr. Shepherd is an independent voter, favoring the Prohibition party. Like his parents, he is a Methodist in church faith, and is an ordained minister, having been ordained as an elder in 1896. He preaches upon an average of fifty sermons a year. At this time (1908) he is a class-leader, and was elected as delegate to the conference at Los Angeles, California, in 1904. In fraternal connection he is a member of the Masonic lodge, No. 560, of Castle Hall Lodge No. 358, Knights of Pythias, and of Odd Fellows order, Lodge No. 408, as well as of their auxiliaries—the Rathburns and Rebekahs.

Of his domestic relations it should be written that he was married November 26, 1864, to Miss Rebecca C. Powell, born in Lee county, Virginia, October 25, 1845, a daughter of Daniel F. and Ann (Rankin) Powell. Her parents came to Indiana in March, 1869, locating on a small farm in Greene county, and there remained until the spring of 1874, when Dr. Shepherd's father bought their farm. The father died at Mr. Shepherd's place in the village of Pleasantville; he was born in 1818 and died in 1882. The mother continued to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Shepherd, some ten years, when her death occurred.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd are the parents of the following named children: Ella, wife of John C. Smith, a farmer living near Frelandville; William F., a graduate of the Indianapolis Dental College, who is married and practices his profession at Bicknell, Knox county; Estella V., wife of Frank Howard, a farmer near Pleasantville; Ralph C., a graduate of the same dental school as before named, and who married Miss Elsie Dunkerly; Bertha F., wife of J. Elliott Douthitt, a farmer of Sullivan county, living near Pleasantville; George E., of Pleasantville, married Miss Maude Booker and is a barber by trade; David D., unmarried and now attending the business college at Indianapolis; and Jesse E. S., unmarried and a mail carrier. Two other children are deceased, the first-born and another, who died young.

WILLIAM R. HASH, the owner and cultivator of a large grain and stock farm within the bounds of Jefferson township, Sullivan county, very naturally finds a place on the pages of this work, which aims to give something of the family history and general movements of the representative men and women of the county. Mr. Hash was born in Center township, Greene county, Indiana, July 20, 1851, and is the son of John C. and Catherine (Edwards) Hash. The father was born in Kentucky in 1813 and died in Greene county, Indiana, in 1878. The mother was born in 1818, in Lawrence county, Indiana, and died in the month of November, 1906, in Knox county. This worthy couple were united in marriage in Lawrence county, and moved to Greene county in about 1840, purchasing land in that section of the state. At one time he owned one hundred and sixty acres. He was an industrious, enterprising and withal an excellent Christian gentleman, of whom the world has none too many. Politically he was a firm believer in the cardinal principles of the Republican party, which organization he ever cheerfully supported. He served his township as constable for a number of years. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Baptist church. Their family consisted of twelve children, born in the following order: Andrew, deceased; David, deceased; Mary, deceased; Stephen, deceased; Hugh, now residing in Knox county, Indiana, married Elizabeth McDaniel; Ahart, deceased; Allen, deceased; Serena, deceased; William Riley, of this sketch; Adeline, now residing in Knox county, Indiana, married Harvey McDaniel; Mahala, deceased; and Elizabeth, deceased. Catherine (Edwards) Hash, the mother of the above family, was the daughter of Edward Edwards, a native of North Carolina who followed farming for his occupation.

William R. Hash received his education in the district schools, and was early taught the need of industrious and frugal habits, which have served him a good purpose as he advanced into the actual battle of life. At the age of eighteen years he went forth for the accomplishment of his own purposes. He leased a farm in Greene county, remaining there until 1903, when he purchased a one hundred acre farm situated two miles from Pleasantville in a southern direction. Here he continues to do a general farming business, raising both grain and stock. Besides his own land he rents two hundred and sixty-nine acres, which, in all, provides a large acreage from which to reap the products of the soil he so carefully cultivates and handles for stock purposes. Politically, Mr. Hash contributes his share towards the support of the Republican party locally and within the state of Indiana. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the popular benevolent organization, and holds membership in Camp No. 4929 at Pleasantville.

He was united in marriage, October 18, 1871, to Mary A. McDaniel, born August 29, 1854, in Greene county, Indiana, a daughter of John and Susanna (Folk) McDaniel. Her parents are both deceased. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hash, eight in number, are as follows: Emma, born October 9, 1874, resides in Knox county, Indiana, married to Jeff Jerrell, and they have two children, Roy and W. Riley; Arminda, born August 13, 1877, resides in Davis county, Indiana, wife of Edward

Smith, and they have one little son, Edwin Rush; Leary, born July 19, 1881, and a resident in Daviess county, Indiana, married Daisy Risley and they have two children, Mary Frances and an infant; Nora, born September 21, 1883, resides at home; Oscar, born September 5, 1886, is at home; Albert, born May 5, 1889, is still at home; Ecless, born October 22, 1891, died April 17, 1908; and Goldie May, born September 18, 1899. These sons and daughters have all had the advantages of the most excellent public schools of their native county. Oscar, the fifth child in the family, is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, as well as of the Knights of Pythias, lodge No. 208, at Sanborn, Indiana, of which he is an officer.

JAMES T. OSBURN, who is a large land-owner in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, will form the subject of this biographical notice. He was born March 19, 1854, in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, Indiana, a son of William and Martha Jane (Hill) Osburn, natives of Kentucky, the mother being born at Hardy Hill, that state. He is a grandson on the maternal side of Hardy Hill, who was captured by the Indians when a boy and was made to run the gauntlet, but finally made his escape. His father served in the War of 1812, and was granted three hundred and twenty acres of land now included in the city of Vincennes. William Osburn accompanied his parents to this county when aged fourteen years, in 1826, when this country was a real wilderness. The grandfather Hill came at the same time. While entering the country he had a narrow escape from death by an encounter with a female bear who had two cubs. The man and bear rolled down the hill, and upon reaching the bottom the bear was on top, but the pioneer secured his hunting-knife and killed the animal and captured the cubs, which he kept six years. The subject's father lived with his parents until his marriage, March 19, 1835, and as he had entered an eighty acre tract of land in Hamilton township, he went there. The wild animals were on every hand, including the deadly panther and wolves almost innumerable. From time to time the father purchased and entered many tracts of land, owning seven hundred and thirty-two acres in what he called his home place, and at the date of his death he owned fifteen hundred acres of land. He died April 13, 1889, and his good wife died about 1896. They were the parents of sixteen children, eight of whom reached the age of maturity.

James T. Osburn, of this notice, was the sixth of the children who survived to manhood and womanhood. He made his home with his parents until his marriage, November 9, 1876, to Sarah Wilson, born in Turman township, Sullivan county, Indiana, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (McKinley) Wilson. After his marriage Mr. Osburn settled down on an eighty-seven and one-half acre tract of land in Turman township. To this he kept adding until he possessed one hundred and forty-seven acres. He improved and worked this land until the winter of 1889-90, when he sold it, intending to move west, his wife having died on November 28, 1884. He, however, changed his mind and relocated in Sullivan

county, by the purchase of two hundred and ninety-six acres of land in sections 25 and 26. There are about one hundred and ninety acres under cultivation. In the winter of 1907-8 he cleared up thirty-five acres of timber, which is now in splendid farming condition. Here Mr. Osburn raises grain, horses, mules, cattle and hogs.

He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a Republican in politics, and a member of the Odd Fellows order, belonging to Lodge No. 762, of Fairbanks. The children born to Mr. Osburn and wife are as follows: Martha, Mrs. Joseph Malone, of Fort Morgan, Colorado; William M., of Colorado; Allen G., of Rocky Ford, Colorado; and Manford, at home. By the second marriage, June 18, 1885, to Nancy Jane Malone, born in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Armstrong) Malone, the issue is: Bertha, born March 13, 1887, died October 27, 1893; Lillian, born April 7, 1889, died March 8, 1896; James, born June 20, 1894, died on the 14th of November, 1908; Claud A., born April 18, 1896, died in infancy; Gerret, born August 30, 1898; and Mary E., born February 4, 1902.

GEORGE F. BOTTS, of the firm of E. R. Leach & Company, dealers in flour and feed at Sullivan, was born September 10, 1864, in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, Indiana, a son of Leander R. Botts and wife, whose family history appears elsewhere in this work. He was reared and educated in his native township, attending the high school at Sullivan, after which he taught one year and then entered the college at Valparaiso, Indiana, in 1885. He again took up teaching, following that vocation for twenty years, his last term of school ending in 1904. The greater part of his time was spent in the Hamilton township schools, and during the summer season he farmed land within the same township. He moved to Sullivan in the autumn of 1904, and then embarked in the real estate business with A. E. Hazelrigg, which continued until September, 1907, when he formed a partnership with E. R. Leach under the firm name of E. R. Leach & Company, in the flour and feed business, handling in both a retail and wholesale way flour, feed, hay, salt, etc. Mr. Botts still holds his farm in Hamilton township. Politically he is a Democrat, and fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America, having passed all the chairs in Odd Fellowship, and has been to the Grand Lodge.

Mr. Botts was married, March 30, 1887, to Retta Rich, a native of Hamilton township, born June 20, 1868, daughter of Jackson and Sarah (Henderson) Rich, both parents being natives of Lawrence county, Indiana, and now both deceased, the mother dying in 1888, aged sixty-four years, while the father was born in 1825 and died in 1898. They were married in Lawrence county, and came to Sullivan county in the early fifties, locating in Hamilton township. They raised a family of ten children, all obtaining a good education within Sullivan county. Mr. and Mrs. Botts are the parents of three children, viz.: Goldie, born March 25,

1889, unmarried and at home, and a graduate of the Sullivan high school; Bertha, born January 18, 1892, also at home; and Hubert, born August 8, 1894. Mr. Botts is a member of the Church of Christ, and his wife and daughter are members of the Baptist church.

ANDREW SIN CLAIR, one of the sturdy, enterprising farmers who have helped to make Sullivan county what it is in an agricultural way, was born June 2, 1837, in Gill township, this county, a son of Parker and Nancy (McCammon) Sin Clair, he being one of the thirteen children of this worthy couple. The subject's father was born July 16, 1789, in Virginia, and died February 16, 1875. The mother was born in 1799, in Virginia, and died July 25, 1874. They both became residents of Sullivan county, Indiana, prior to their marriage, and were among the early settlers of the county. Parker Sin Clair was a school teacher, as well as a progressive farmer. At one time he taught in Carlisle. He entered a quarter section of land in Gill township, and was an extensive stock raiser for the times in which he lived. He also kept many stands of bees. At one time in his life he owned slaves, and was a supporter of the Democratic party, but upon the election of President Lincoln, he supported the Republican party. In his religious faith he was a Methodist, as was also his wife.

Andrew Sin Clair, the subject proper of this sketch, was one of the thirteen children of his parents' family, only four of whom still survive, and they are as follows: Maria and Bethena, both deceased; George deceased; John, deceased; Samuel, deceased; Mathew, deceased; Patsey, deceased; Elizabeth, who resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Jane (Willis), who resides in Sullivan; Austin, who resides in Sullivan; Andrew, the subject; Joseph, deceased, and one who died in infancy—the youngest of the family.

Andrew remained at home and assisted his father until he was twenty-five years of age, when he married. He owned forty acres when he set out in life for himself, but now has seventy-five acres of well improved land on which he resides. It is situated two miles from Sullivan in a southerly direction. He has been a successful tiller of the soil and raised considerable stock and bought and sold live stock also. He helped to construct the E. & T. H. railroad, when that line was put through. In his political choice Mr. Sin Clair is a Democrat, and he served as a supervisor three terms. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, lodge No. 147, at Sullivan. Both he and his wife are acceptable members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On November 16, 1862, he was married to Marticia Rogers, who was born in Kentucky and died in Indiana about 1875, leaving one child—Nancy Elizabeth, now residing in Sullivan. For his second wife Mr. Sin Clair married, December 16, 1883, Laura Orndow, a widow. By this union Mr. Sin Clair has two children, Ruby and Ruth (twins), born November 9, 1893, and now attending the public schools.

MESHA HAMILTON, a farmer residing in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, and a soldier of the Civil war, is justly entitled to a place in the annals of his county and state. He was born December 16, 1847, in the township in which he now resides, a son of Nathaniel and Harriette (Catlin) Hamilton. His father was born in 1801, in Kentucky, and died November 20, 1881. He came to Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1814, with his father, James Hamilton, who settled in this township, and for whom it was named. Upon coming here he entered land at the government price. Nathaniel Hamilton followed flat-boating, making forty trips to New Orleans, and on three occasions walked back from that far-off city. One trip was usually made each year. After quitting the river he farmed and worked at the carpenter's trade. He was the owner of eighty acres of good land in Sullivan county. Politically he stood for old-fashioned Democracy, but never held public office except that of marshal of Sullivan, he being the first one chosen. He was a professor of religion and a member of the Christian church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Hamilton were as follows: Nancy, deceased; John, residing in Missouri, and who served in Company E, Forty-third Indiana Infantry, at first as a private and then as second lieutenant, continuing in the service for more than four years and escaping without injury; Sarah A., deceased; William, who served in the Eighth Indiana Battery and was killed at the battle of Stone river in 1862; James, now residing in Missouri; Mesha, our subject; Samuel, living in Missouri; Katherine, deceased, and Marion, deceased.

Mesha Hamilton remained at home until he enlisted, January 30, 1865, in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Indiana Infantry, as a private. He served until October 5, 1865. He is a member of Neff Post No. 307, Grand Army of the Republic, and draws a pension of seventeen dollars a month. After his discharge from the Union army he returned to his father's place in Sullivan county, Indiana, and there remained until his marriage in 1873. He soon rented the farm upon which he now lives, situated three miles south of Sullivan, and continued as a renter until 1890, when he bought the place he had been renting. This place, an excellent one, Mr. Hamilton has finely improved, and having lived on it for so long a time he is thoroughly posted as to its every need.

He is a firm believer in the general principles of the national Republican party and casts his vote with it. Of his domestic relations it may be said that he was married August 13, 1873, to Fannie Rogers, born in Hardin county, Kentucky, the daughter of Shacklet Rogers and wife. By this union three children were born: Effie, who married Henry A. Griffith; Elsie, single and at home, and a teacher, and James A., deceased.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON BOLES, a representative farmer of Hamilton township, Sullivan county, Indiana, was born June 25, 1837, in Haddon township, a son of Pleasant and Julia Ann (Franklin) Boles. His father was born at old Fort Harrison, near Vincennes, Knox county, Indiana, in

1811, on the 13th day of February, and died August 28, 1888. He was of Scotch-Irish ancestry and possessed many of the sterling qualities of that people. The subject's mother was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, December 7, 1810, and died April 28, 1890. They were married in Kentucky about 1830, and immediately went to Knox county, and from there to Sullivan county. The subject's paternal grandfather, Edward Boles, was a veterinary surgeon and a farmer, born in Ireland, and served in the war of 1812. Pleasant Boles, the father, ran flatboats on the Wabash river to Natchez and New Orleans, making two trips each spring, while during the remainder of the year he followed farming. In the winter months some years he did whip-sawing. He was the father of twelve children, six of whom are still living and are as follows: Edward F., who resides in Sullivan; Vardimon, residing in Sullivan; Hamilton G., residing in Kansas; W. H. H., the subject; Tobatha, residing in Farmersburg; and Vandalia, residing in Missouri.

W. H. H. Boles was only about four years of age when the family moved back to Hamilton township, and he remained at home until he was seventeen years old, and then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed at intervals for about twenty-five years. He carried on farming usually during the summers. About 1870 he purchased his present farm, which contains sixty-four acres and upon which he has resided ever since. Mr. Boles has the honor of being numbered among the brave defenders of the Union, having enlisted September 31, 1861, in Company D of the Thirty-first Indiana Volunteer Regiment of Infantry, and served as a private soldier and corporal for two years, when he was discharged at Nashville, Tennessee. He took part in the battle of Fort Donelson, February 15, 1862, and was also at the siege of Corinth, Mississippi. He was in the retreat from the Cumberland mountains to Louisville, Kentucky. Politically Mr. Boles is a Republican, and ever ready to do his full share in the role of a good citizen.

Mr. Boles has been thrice married, first on December 28, 1865, to Elizabeth M. Conner, born in Sullivan county, March 2, 1844, a daughter of John and Mary (Riggs) Conner. Her father was a native of New York state and was married in Ohio, becoming an early settler there. Elizabeth (Conner) Boles died June 29, 1878, the mother of three children: Earl A., born February 2, 1867, now resides on his father's farm; Estella Kansas, born November 13, 1868, died August 29, 1869, and Florence J., born October 30, 1874, is now the wife of John Metcalf, residing in Hamilton township. For his second wife Mr. Boles married Sarah E. Dodd, born in Curry township, Sullivan county, Indiana, January 1, 1841, and died March 14, 1886. There was no issue by this union. Mr. Boles married his present wife, Celia Katherine Dickerson, October 13, 1886. She had been twice married. She was born in Orange county, Indiana, in 1847, and her parents both died when she was an infant.

Mr. and Mrs. Boles are members of the Church of Christ in Turman township and do faithfully and well their part in church work.

JAMES N. NICHOLSON.—To James N. Nicholson belongs the distinction of conducting the only jewelry and furniture store in Hymera. The jewelry department of the business was established in the fall of 1893, and several years afterward, in the spring of 1898, he bought the furniture stock of Charles Barnhart. About this time he also erected the splendid brick block in Hymera which has ever since remained an ornament and a credit to the city, and removed his stock of jewelry thereto as well as his furniture, combining the two departments in the same building, and he now has the distinction of owning and conducting the only exclusive lines of furniture and jewelry in the city. He carries an exceptionally fine line of furniture and carpets, and during a year and a half also conducted an undertaking establishment, but sold that department of the business in 1907. He is a conservative and at the same time a progressive business man, and is meeting with a large and well merited degree of success.

Hymera is the birthplace of Mr. Nicholson as well as his future field of success. He was born on the 24th of September, 1870, to Samuel H. and Tillie (Hinkle) Nicholson, the father a native of Jackson township, Sullivan county. When he had reached the age of eighteen years James N., their son, began learning the jewelry business with Scott Pauley in Sullivan, and later the two gentlemen went to Alexander, Indiana, and conducted a store there for two years, while during the following year Mr. Nicholson was associated with L. L. Norton at Indianapolis, from whence he returned to the Pauley Brothers at Bloomington, Indiana, and remained with them for one year longer. Returning then to his home town of Hymera, he opened a jewelry store in the fall of 1893 and has since been numbered among the town's leading business men. He is a Republican politically, and is identified with the fraternal life of the city through his membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and its encampment, and the Knights of Pythias order at Hymera.

In 1896 Mr. Nicholson was married to Myrtle Beckett, who was born in Hymera in 1875, a daughter of J. P. Beckett, who died several years ago, as did his wife. The only child of this union is a daughter, Rebah, who is attending school. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson are members of the Methodist church.

CALEB J. THOMPSON, an honored resident of Hamilton township, Sullivan county, and a veteran of the Civil war, was born April 4, 1839, in Curry township, in the little village of Williamsburg, which place ceased to exist after Sullivan sprang up and overshadowed it. He is the son of James W. and Beulah (Hunt) Thompson, whose family sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Caleb J. remained at home in his native township until ten years of age, then moved to Turman township, and in a short time moved with the family to Hamilton township. In less than one week after Fort Sumter had been fired upon he offered his services to his country, enlisting April 18, 1861, as a member of Company I, Seventeenth Indiana Infantry Regiment, as a private. He was soon promoted to corporal and then sergeant, serving faithfully in the Union cause until August 19, 1865, when he received an honorable discharge at Indianapolis. His captains were Martin, Cubberley, Anderson and Louthan,

respectively. He participated in thirty-six different engagements, among which were Chickamauga, Shiloh, Knoxville, Tennessee, etc. His regiment served as infantrymen for nineteen months, after which they were mounted. On May 28, 1864, Mr. Thompson lost his right eye at Dallas, Georgia, and received a wound in the back at Plantersville, Alabama, April 1, 1865. This rebel ball is still carried in his back, and the one which destroyed his eye is now located just back of his ear. For his army hardships and wounds he receives a pension of twenty-four dollars a month. After the close of the war Mr. Thompson returned to Hamilton township and has farmed ever since, now owning a farm of ninety acres.

Politically he is a firm supporter of Republican principles. He very naturally finds a hearty welcome in Gaskin Grand Army Post No. 564, at Farmersburg. He was united in marriage September 1, 1868, to Sarah E. Higdon, born February 19, 1849, and died April 12, 1888. She was the daughter of William W. Higdon and wife, and a sister of Edmond Thompson's wife. By this union four children were born: Effie, deceased; Viola, deceased; James H., now residing in Sullivan; and William P., who resides in Texas. After the death of his first wife Mr. Thompson married, February 26, 1889, Mary F. Osborn, born February 23, 1855, in Curry township, but has lived in Hamilton township since she was about six years of age. She received her education at the common country schools and at the high school at Sullivan. She taught one season after leaving school. Her parents were Thomas and Martha (Pinkston) Osburn; her mother still lives, but her father died in May, 1904. He was a native of Kentucky and came to Sullivan county, Indiana, when about four months of age, and when old enough followed the life of a farmer. By Mr. Thompson's second marriage one daughter was born, Cozy B., born February 7, 1894, and is still at home. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are identified with church work, he being a member of the Baptist and his wife of the Methodist church.

EDMOND W. THOMPSON, one of the industrious and successful agriculturists of Hamilton township, Sullivan county, Indiana, is a true type of an American citizen, and no more exalted title can be conferred upon any person, for in all that is good America affords the best. Mr. Thompson was born August 20, 1845, in Hamilton township, a son of James W. and Beulah (Hunt) Thompson. The father was a native of Kentucky and the mother of North Carolina, born October 30, 1816, and died in Hamilton township, May 20, 1906. The date of the father's birth was 1813, and he died in February, 1864. James W. Thompson came to Sullivan county, Indiana, when a mere boy, and was always a farmer and stock-raiser. Politically he voted the Whig ticket early in life, and when the organization of the Republican party was effected he united with that and was ever true to its teachings and principles. Both he and his wife were worthy members of the Baptist church. He served his country a short time during the dark days of the rebellion as a member of Com-

pany I, Seventeenth Indiana Regiment. James W. and Beulah (Hunt) Thompson were the parents of thirteen children, only three of whom are now living; Caleb J.; Edmond W.; and Rachel L., the latter the wife of Henry Christopher, now residing in Wyoming.

Edmond W. Thompson obtained his education at the schools of Hamilton township, and remained at home until he enlisted, August 21, 1863, in Company F, One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment, known as the "Persimmon Brigade." He served six months and then re-enlisted (rather, went as a substitute) in the fall of 1864 with the Fifty-ninth Indiana Regiment, as a member of Company D, with which command he remained until the close of the war. That the family was one possessed of true patriotism, it only needs to be stated that his father and four brother were all in the Union army. All were indeed fortunate and returned home to follow the more peaceful pursuits, and that within a free nation. After the war the subject returned to the old homestead and lived with his mother until he married, after which she lived with him until her death in 1906. Mr. Thompson owns a valuable farm property of almost a hundred acres on the north side of Hamilton township, near the village of Shelburn. He also deals some in real estate. Politically he is of the Republican party faith. He was married, January 21, 1883, to Annora B. Higdon, born in Hamilton township, August 12, 1850, a daughter of William W. and Nancy (Coghill) Higdon. Mrs. Thompson's mother died in 1902, and her father resides in Curry township, near Shelburn. Mrs. Thompson received her education in her native township schools. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are the parents of nine children, born in the following order: Charles Wesley, born November 21, 1883, married Sadie McCamneron and they reside in Shelburn; Oliver Caleb, born December 29, 1885, unmarried and at home; Ethel May, born January 23, 1888; unmarried and at home; William H. H., born February 12, 1890; Eveline, born June 11, 1892; Leona, born March 13, 1894; Hobart, born May 13, 1897; and the two youngest children were twins, born October 25, 1899. This family were all well educated, and Charles Wesley attended the Danville Normal. The parents and daughter Ethel M. are members of the Baptist church.

MRS. MAHALA CONNER, numbered among the pioneers of this section of Indiana, justly finds space in this connection with which to make a family record of her people, who have had no small part in the developing of the country to its present high state of cultivation. Mrs. Conner was born March 24, 1839, in Coshocton county, Ohio, the daughter of Samuel S. and Jestena (Darling) Severns. Her parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, the father born October 17, 1794, and the mother May 22, 1800. She died in 1850, while her husband survived until 1873. They were married in Ohio and were sturdy farmers. He was in the war of 1812-14. His wife was a devoted member of the Baptist church. They were the parents of thirteen children, Mrs. Conner being next to the

youngest in the family, and there were nine daughters and four sons, all now deceased but four: Cordelia and Ellen, both of whom reside in Ohio, and Sovenia in Greene county, Indiana.

Mrs. Conner was married September 10, 1857, just prior to coming to Indiana, to Isaac Conner, born in Holmes county, Ohio, February 27, 1835. He went to Coshocton county with his mother when he was a mere lad and received his education in that section of the state. He was of Irish descent, and always followed farming pursuits for his livelihood. He was both a grain and stock farmer, and highly successful. He owned five hundred and sixty acres at the time of his death, which event occurred June 25, 1902. When he first came to Sullivan county the now enterprising town of Sullivan was not in existence. His father, James Conner, and wife came to Sullivan county in 1838, remained about two years, when the father was killed, after which Isaac and his mother went to Ohio, and he there remained until his marriage. Mrs. Conner arrived in Sullivan county in October, 1857, and at once began keeping house on the farm. The ten children born to Isaac Conner and wife were as follows: Frank, born July 6, 1858, and is now a retired farmer living in Sullivan; Effie and Emma, born September 20, 1860—Emma died August 3, 1893, and Effie is now the wife of John Wilson, residing in Turman township, Sullivan county; Samuel, born December 18, 1863, is a resident of Hamilton township; Flora, born January 4, 1865, is now wife of John M. Woodard, residing in Hamilton township; Stewart, born August 6, 1867, resides with his mother; Luella, born December 12, 1869, is now the wife of Frank Wible; James Harvey, born April 21, 1871, wedded Maude Daily and resides in Curry township; Gertrude, born April 17, 1874, is the wife of John H. Park and resides in Sullivan; and Myrtle, born March 10, 1878, is the wife of Benjamin Mattix and resides in Hamilton township.

Mrs. Conner has eighteen grandchildren. In 1889 Mr. Conner built a fine eight-room brick farm house—one of the best in Sullivan county. Mrs. Conner still occupies the old homestead and rents her land to others, who care for it. Both Mr. and Mrs. Conner were acceptable members of the Christian church. Mr. Conner is interred in Walls cemetery, where his parents also are buried.

WALTER R. WARD, D.D.S.—The name of Walter R. Ward is familiar to the residents of Sullivan county through his membership with one of its most honored families and through his identification with its professional life. He now has the distinction of being the only practicing dentist in Hymera. He received his dental training in the Louisville College of Dentistry, in which he matriculated in 1900, and in 1903 he completed the course and graduated. On the 15th of May of the same year he opened an office in Hymera, and in addition to being its only practicing dentist he also has an office at Coalmont in Clay county, where he practices on Mondays of each week. He is rapidly winning for himself a name and place in the front rank of his profession, and his well known

ability has brought to him the success which he now enjoys. He is identified with the fraternal life of the city through his membership with the Knights of Pythias order, and he is a member of the Elks at Linton, this state. He is also a worthy and acceptable member of the Methodist church.

Rev. John A. Ward, who has also been long and prominently identified with the professional life of Sullivan county as a Methodist minister, is the father of the doctor and was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, December 25, 1839, of Scotch and English descent. He received his early educational training in the common schools of this state, and in 1847 moved with his parents, Steven and Adeline (Baxter) Ward, to Putnam county, this state. The mother was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1816, near Cincinnati, and was of English descent, while the father was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, in 1812, and died in 1881. He came north when but twelve years of age and located in Wayne county, Indiana, from whence he moved to Illinois, and was a farmer and miller there, having worked on a number of patent rights. He was living in Morgan county, Indiana, at the time of his death.

Rev. Ward began his professional career as a school teacher at the age of twenty-one years, and after teaching in the district schools of Morgan county for two terms he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering on the 12th of August, 1862, the Seventieth Volunteer Infantry as a private, and his services continued until the 12th of June, 1865, meanwhile taking part in the battles of Russellville, Kentucky, Dallas Woods, New Hope Church, Peach Tree Creek, the Atlanta campaign, and was under fire in all about one hundred days. Rev. Ward was in the same division with Captain William T. Crawford, and General Harrison was their colonel. After returning from the army he entered the Methodist ministry, having been ordained at Bloomington, Indiana, in the fall of 1870, and during his ministry he has served as pastor at Francisco, Shoals, Fredericksburg, Corydon, Greenville, Salem, Sullivan, Washington, Mooresville, Indianapolis, and Rockport, having also been presiding elder of the Rockport district, Bedford, Vincennes, thence back to Sullivan, New Albany, and College Corners. In October, 1906, he retired from active ministerial work, and he and his wife are living in Hymera. She was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, April 5, 1838, and they became the parents of seven children,—Laura, Charlie, Ella, Frank, Harry, John and Walter, but Frank is now deceased.

Rev. Ward is loved and honored for his nobility of character, his integrity and his promptness in all things, and his life and achievements worthily illustrate what may be attained by painstaking effort. He has been a life-long Republican.

MARSHAL B. SMITH, who is identified with the industrial interests of Hymera in connection with the barber business, was born in Cass township, Sullivan county, Indiana, November 9, 1858, a son of Joseph and Nancy (Posey) Smith, whose history will be found in the sketch of

Douglas Smith in this work. The son Marshal grew to years of maturity on his parents' farm, receiving his education in the district school of the neighborhood, and when he was but fifteen years of age he began working by the month for George Patton. During the five years following his first business venture he worked for others at farm labor and then began farming for himself in Hamilton township. After six years there he sold his farm and began clerking in a store in Terre Haute, and after several years became connected with the Walter A. Wood Harvester Machine Company in the capacity of a traveling salesman.

It was at the close of his connection with that company in 1888 that Mr. Smith entered mercantile life in Terre Haute, but after four or five years there he located at Dugger, and he remained there until January of 1895. On the 15th of February, 1896, he came to Hymera and has ever since been the proprietor of one of the leading barber shops here. He owns his own place of business and conducts three chairs in his shop. He has also been the vice-president of the Union Building Association of Hymera since its organization, as well as one of its principal stockholders.

Mr. Smith was married in 1878 to Elizabeth Gardner, a daughter of Green Gardner, and she was born on the 26th of April, 1851, and died in 1886, leaving one daughter, Roxie, who was born June 9, 1879, and is now the wife of Floyd McGregor, of Winfield, Kansas. On the 1st of November, 1898, Mr. Smith wedded Bettie Bures, a native daughter of Owen county, Indiana, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Smith has membership relations with the Knights of Pythias, Paul Revere Lodge No. 374, at Terre Haute; with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Terre Haute Lodge No. 51, and with the Elks, Lodge No. 911. He is a Republican in his political views.

CLYDE LEE BEASLEY.—Among the younger representatives of the business interests of Hymera is Clyde L. Beasley, who has spent the greater part of his life here and is well known in the business and social circles of this community. He was but twenty years of age when he started in the drug business in company with his brothers, Bert and William, the three forming the firm of Beasley Brothers, and the store has ever since been conducted under that name, although Clyde L. has since purchased his brothers' interests and since the fall of 1904 has been the sole proprietor of the business. He carries a full and complete line of drugs, drug sundries, wall paper, paints, oils, school books, cigars, tobacco, clocks, jewelry, and many other articles found in a store of this character, and transacts a large business in an up-to-date and satisfactory manner.

Hymera's popular druggist was born in Shelburn, Indiana, September 19, 1883, a son of Samuel and Lucy (Rodgers) Beasley and a grandson of Ephraim Beasley, a native of Tennessee and in his lifetime a very large farmer and stock buyer, and William Rodgers, who was born in Kentucky. He was a prominent contractor and also owned a farm in

Hamilton township. Samuel and Lucy (Rodgers) Beasley were born respectively in Sullivan county, Indiana, and in Kentucky, and their home is now in Hymera, where Mr. Beasley has lived as a retired farmer since 1905. Their six children are Bert, whose home is in Terre Haute; William, also of that city; Clyde Lee; Clifton, of Hymera; and Pearl and Anna, both at home.

The Democracy receives Mr. Beasley's active support and co-operation, and he is a member of the Red Men, Chicopee Tribe No. 319, at Hymera, and of the Elks at Linton, Indiana, Lodge No. 866.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS BAILEY, a Civil war veteran and a prosperous farmer of Turman township, Sullivan county, was born near New Bedford, Massachusetts, on the 19th of June, 1847. His birthplace was on the home farm of his parents, Oliver and Lillis (Phillips) Bailey. His father, who was born in Rhode Island in 1808, died near Big Springs, Turman township, in the year 1863. The widow, born in New York state in 1808, survived her husband until 1887, when she died on the farm now the homestead of William P. Bailey. In 1855 the paternal family removed from Massachusetts to Warren county, Ohio, where the father continued his farming until 1861, when he migrated again, locating in Turman township during the month of August of the year named. The homestead was first near Big Springs, where the father died within two years of thus locating his family in what was then the far west. The deceased was a Republican, and served in the Mexican war, and both parents were members of the Christian church. The following children were born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bailey: John, who is now a resident of Merom; William, of this sketch; Oliver Irvin, who lives in Oklahoma, and Elizabeth, now deceased. The above named were all born in Massachusetts.

William Bailey had received but a district school education when, at the age of seventeen, he did his part in the support of the Union by enlisting in the Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, becoming a member of Company F on the 9th of November, 1864. After serving one year, during which he participated in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee, and other engagements in the campaigns of the southwest, he was honorably discharged at Victoria, Texas. Mr. Bailey is now drawing a pension for injuries received while in the faithful discharge of his soldierly duties. While away at the front the farm in Turman township was purchased by his mother, and at the conclusion of the war he located thereon to assist in its cultivation and management. His settlement on the property which he now owns dates from January, 1866, and a few years thereafter he purchased it from his mother and the heirs. It was here that the mother passed away in 1887, at the venerable age of nearly eighty years.

The fine homestead owned so many years by Mr. Bailey consists of one hundred and ninety acres of valuable land, devoted both to grain

farming and the raising of stock, the latter feature of his business being confined to hogs. Like many other old soldiers, Mr. Bailey has always voted for the Republican party.

In September, 1889, he wedded Miss Elizabeth Colvin, a native of Wheatland, Knox county, born February 28, 1860, a daughter of William and Elsie (Adams) Colvin, natives of Merom. Both of her parents died when she was quite young. Mrs. Bailey is a member of the Methodist church and a most worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of Turman township.

JACOB FRANKLIN HOUP, a veteran of the Civil war and one of the substantial agriculturists of Turman township, Sullivan county, was born April 18, 1847, in Gill township, a son of Jacob and Sarah H. (James) Houpt. The father was born in North Carolina in 1812, and died in August, 1892, and the good mother, also a native of that state, was born in Iredell county in 1813, and died in 1848. After their marriage in their native state this worthy couple migrated to Sullivan county, spending the winter of 1836 in Gill township, and then going to Missouri, where they purchased eighty acres of land near the present site of the town of Mexico. After owning this property two years, they sold it and returned to Gill township, where the elder Mr. Houpt commenced to purchase land, and at his death owned two hundred and forty acres, known as the "Half-way Woods," between Sullivan and Merom. In his political views Jacob Houpt was a stanch Democrat, while both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he himself was a zealous worker in the Sunday school. To Mr. and Mrs. Houpt were born the following children: Martha, deceased; Thomas J., residing in Gill township; Sarah E. and Susan, deceased; Mary F., unmarried; William A., proprietor of a hotel in Chicago; John W., a retired Methodist minister residing in Marion county, Indiana; Henry L., who died at Calhoun, Kentucky, in 1862, while in the Union army, serving as a member of Company D, Thirty-first Indiana Infantry; Robert K., of Gill township; Julia, deceased; and Jacob F., of this memoir. For his second wife Mr. Houpt married Mrs. Cynthia A. Linsley, who died in March, 1900, the mother of one son, Morris M., also deceased.

Jacob F. Houpt, of this sketch, was reared on his father's farm and continued to reside at home until he was sixteen years of age, when he enlisted in Company G, Eleventh Indiana Cavalry, November 21, 1863, and served until September, 1865, never receiving a wound during his term of service. He took active part in the battle at Spring Hill, Tennessee, which lasted three hours; was also in the engagement at Nashville December 15 and 16, 1864, after which he participated in the entire Hood campaign, which ended at Pulaski, Tennessee. He was honorably discharged and draws a small pension from the general government. After the war Mr. Houpt returned to the old homestead in Gill township, remaining there until 1870, going then to Turman township, where he commenced farming on his own property. Later he purchased eighty

acres of land where he is now located, subsequently adding thirty acres and making his present farm a tract of one hundred and ten acres. It is situated two miles east of Graysville and is highly improved, making him a man of independence.

Politically Mr. Houpt is a Republican. He belongs to the Odd Fellows order, lodge No. 584, at Graysville. He was united in marriage in August, 1870, to Sarah A. Burton, who was born in Turman township and is a daughter of Nelson and Mahala (Dodd) Burton. The latter, a Kentuckian, is still living in her eighty-eighth year. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Houpt: Clara, now the wife of A. D. Morris; Charles W., who married Edna Ridgeway and resides on the home farm, being his father's assistant; and Lexie, deceased. All the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which the elder Mr. Houpt has served as trustee and steward.

All in all Mr. Houpt may well count life a success. Commencing his career as a soldier when but a youth of fifteen, he passed unscathed through that terrible strife, and with a healthy body began the real activities of life. He has since been able to make a handsome competency, is an honored citizen, and is blessed with a family wherein both love and intelligence prevail.

WILLIAM WESLEY WIBLE has been a farmer of Turman township, Sullivan county, ever since he was old enough to perform the labors of such an occupation. He was born April 24, 1844, in the township in which he still resides, a son of John V. and Mary (Grigsby) Wible. The father was a native of Washington county, Indiana, born March 27, 1816, and he died April 22, 1879, in Turman township. His wife (subject's mother) was born in Orange county, Indiana, January 15, 1821, and died March 24, 1894. They were married in Orange county in March of 1842, and went to Sullivan county in the same year. He settled first on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Turman township which he had previously entered, in about 1840. To this he later added another eighty acre tract, making him an even two hundred acre farm. This truly worthy couple died on this place. He was by trade a carpenter, but never followed it after his marriage. Politically he was a Democrat, while both he and his wife were members of the Church of Christ. To them were born the following children: One who died in infancy; William W., the subject of this sketch; Perlina, deceased; Adam Walter, running a livery business at Sullivan; Susan J., wife of Solomon J. Dix, of Nebraska; Margaret A., deceased, who married W. W. Moore, also deceased; and Perlina, who married Return J. Turman, whose family sketch appears elsewhere within this work.

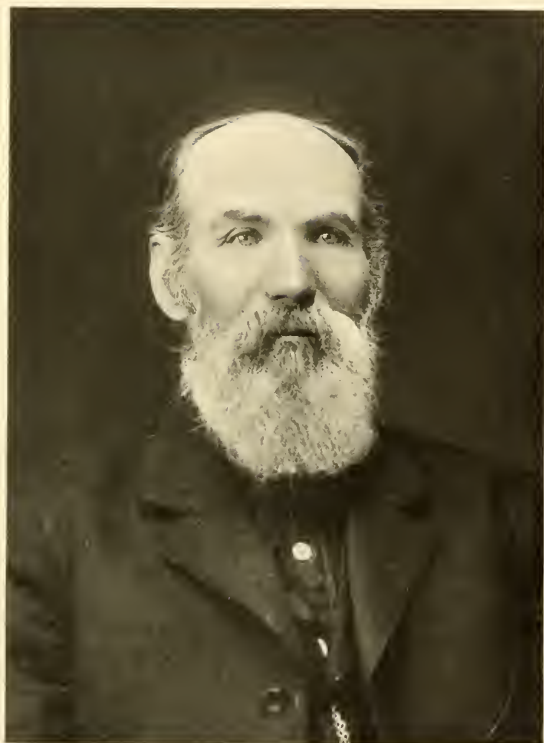
William Wesley Wible obtained his education in the Sullivan county district schools and was early taught the management of a farm. He continued to work for his father until twenty-three years of age and then started out for himself on his father's land. By persistency and good management he has secured for himself a fine farm home. His land consists of one hundred and four acres from out the old homestead, which

has never been out of the family since first entered as government land by his father. At this date (1908) this farm is leased out, and Mr. Wible resides with his son Charles. Politically he is a supporter of the general principles of the Democratic party.

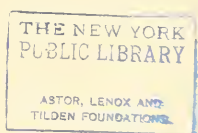
He was married January 15, 1867, to Adeline Davis, born in Turman township November 23, 1841, and she died November 14, 1873. She was the daughter of Parmenas and Louisa (Harris) Davis. Four children were born of this union: Olive, wife of J. J. Bragdon (see his sketch); Charles L., residing in Turman township, married Viola R. Thornberry, born in Turman township, and they have a son and daughter, Paul E. and Mary M.; Frank, residing in Sullivan, married Lulu Connor and has two children, Guy and Grace; and Julia A., who died in infancy.

Concerning the grandfather, Adam Wible, it should be added that he was born in Germany. He came to America aged fourteen years, and was one of the pioneers of Washington county, Indiana, where he improved a farm and there lived and died. He died in 1832. He was twice married and the father of nineteen children. His second wife, the grandmother of the subject, was before marriage Van Cleave. She died in 1836. The grandfather William Grigsby was a native of Virginia and was an early settler of Orange county, Indiana. His wife was before marriage Anna Cornwell, also a native of Virginia, and both died in Orange county. Parmenas Davis was a native of South Carolina and a son of Jesse Davis, also a native of South Carolina and one of the first settlers of Turman township, where he improved a farm and upon which he lived and died. Parmenas Davis was a miller by trade.

JAMES RILEY JOSEPH, who has always been engaged in farming and is now a resident of Turman township, Sullivan county, Indiana, is numbered among those who went forth during the Civil war period from Indiana in support of the Union cause. He was born September 11, 1836, in Turman township, about three miles east of Graysville. He is a son of Isaac Adkins and Margaret (Hooten) Joseph. The father was born at Laurel Hill, Virginia, in 1798, a son of Uriah and Rosanna (Adkins) Joseph, who emigrated to Breckenridge county, Kentucky, in 1800, and in the autumn of 1815 went to Sullivan county, territory of Indiana, entering a quarter section of land in Gill township, where he spent the remainder of his days. His first wife died in Kentucky, in which state he again married. Isaac A. Joseph remained in Gill township until about 1830, during this year entering eighty acres of land, where his son James R. now resides. The father cleared his land and always followed farming for his livelihood. He continued here until his death, October 8, 1857. Politically he voted the Democratic ticket, and both he and his faithful wife were exemplary members of the Church of Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph were married about 1828. She was born in Overton county, Tennessee, September 22, 1812, a daughter of Joseph and Tabitha (Graham) Hooten. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac A. Joseph were: Louisa Jane, widow of John Hammond, who resides in Sullivan; Harriet



JAMES R. JOSEPH



N., widow of Hiram Scott, of Gill township; James R., of this sketch; Sarah, wife of Barzil Tague, of Turman township; Eliza L., widow of Uriah Akers, of Gill township; Dennis F., deceased; and William Taylor, deceased. The mother died in Sullivan county July 5, 1889.

Reared on a farm, James R. Joseph obtained his early education in the district schools. He was never of a roaming disposition, but remained on the old home farm. He was married May 20, 1858, to Sarah Wood, born in Turman township April 7, 1837, a daughter of Henry Wood and wife, Nancy (Bryant) Wood, both now deceased. Mrs. Sarah Joseph died in 1871. She was the mother of the following children: Ambrose, deceased, who married Elizabeth Sin Clair and had two children, Guy Joseph, who died in infancy, and Rex, who married Josephine Drake and has one child—Donald; Eliza Ann, deceased; Oscar, who went west at the age of twenty; Lucetta, wife of George B. Muncie, residing in Sullivan, and they have two sons and one daughter—Florence E., Clarence H. and Floyd H. For his second wife Mr. Joseph married, September 15, 1875, Nancy Moran, born in Orange county, Indiana, April 23, 1844, a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Eastridge) Moran. This wife died April 10, 1907. Four children were born of this union: Edgar N., who married Grace Wear and has one daughter, Ethel G., who lives with her grandfather; Clara Ethel, deceased; Laura, wife of Bert Ferree, residing at Shelburn, and they have three children—James, Eva and Oscar; and Roscoe H., unmarried, at home. Mr. Joseph is a member of the Christian church.

On September 30, 1864, Mr. Joseph proved his patriotism by enlisting as a member of Company F, Fifty-seventh Indiana Infantry Regiment, serving until October 9, 1865. He entered as a private and was discharged a corporal. He participated in an engagement, November 29, 1864, at Spring Hill, Tennessee, which lasted about three hours. The following day they fought at Franklin, Tennessee, going from there to Nashville, where on the 15th and 16th of December, 1864, the last big battle of the Civil war was fought. Fortunately he never received a wound or became seriously ill during his army life. He receives, in common with his comrades, a small pension from the government. For his livelihood Mr. Joseph has always followed farming, and he now owns sixty acres of land under a good state of cultivation. Politically he is a supporter of the Democratic party and has served as a trustee of Turman township, and also as assessor three terms, as well as county commissioner one term. He has held the important office of justice of the peace for seven years, thus proving his efficiency as a public official and his popularity among his fellow countrymen.

JESSE S. DAUGHERTY, an agriculturist of Gill township, Sullivan county, was born on the farm upon which he now resides July 18, 1870, a son of Alexander and Rachel (Creager) Daugherty. The father was a native of Boone county, Indiana, born October 12, 1833. He was a carpenter by trade, though he followed farming during the latter part of

his life. He began life unaided by others, and taught school when young in Sullivan county, and also worked at his trade a part of each year. He continued this mode of work until some time after his marriage, and then moved to a farm and became a successful agriculturist. He continued to till the soil until the spring of 1877, when he removed to Merom, but still operated his farm until his death, May 18, 1879. The good wife still resides in Merom and expects to spend the remainder of her days there. In 1907 she made a trip to California, but en route no country to her seemed as good in which to live as her old home in Indiana. She was born at Merom August 3, 1837. During the Civil war the husband, Alexander Daugherty, served in the Union army under General Thomas, in an Indiana regiment, the date of his enlistment being in 1863. Their children were as follows: Belle, deceased; John W., residing in Merom, engaged in the hardware trade; Ellen, deceased; Maggie C., wife of W. R. Colvin, living in California, at Riverside; and Jesse S., of this memoir.

Jesse S. Daugherty received his education at the public schools of Merom and remained at home on the farm with his widowed mother until he was twenty-six years of age. He rented his mother's land and farmed and taught school for about six years. After quitting school teaching he continued to rent until 1904, when he purchased forty-one acres of land adjoining the old homestead. This farm he continues to operate as a general grain and stock place. He depends largely upon the cereals for the revenue from his farm, raising only such stock as is needful for his own immediate use.

Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Merom Station, and politically he is a stanch defender of Republican party principles, though he has never aspired to hold public office. In his fraternal choice he has become an active member of the Odd Fellows, Masons, Eastern Star, Rebekah and Ben Hur lodges, all of which are worthy societies.

Concerning the domestic relations of Mr. Daugherty it should be said in this connection that he married, April 14, 1896, Miss Cora Thompson, born in Gill township, Sullivan county, Indiana, March 25, 1872, a daughter of Alexander and Esther (Morgan) Thompson. The mother was born in Gill township January 29, 1838. The father was born in Ireland, and came to this country when a small boy. He grew to manhood and became a prominent farmer in this township, having worked his own way through many difficulties out into success. He died in March, 1882. The children born to bless the home circle of Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty are as follows: Harold Alexander, born September 17, 1898; George Stanley, born March 14, 1901; Jesse Claud, born August 26, 1903; and Neva Lenoahr, born December 14, 1906.

WILLIAM M. SMITH, superintendent of the Sullivan County Infirmary, is a native of Jefferson township, this county, born August 21, 1851, a son of George H. and Mary Ann (Isabell) Smith. His father was

born in Virginia in 1816, and died March 8, 1897, in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana. The mother was born in Indiana in 1822. George H. Smith, the father, came to Indiana when a young man and was married here. He always followed farm life for his livelihood. Politically he voted the Democratic ticket, and both he and his wife were consistent members of the Christian church. Ten children blessed their union: Thomas W., now of Hamilton township; Abigail, now of Missouri; America, of Hamilton township; Nancy, deceased; Catherine, deceased; William M., of this memoir; Benjamin O., of Jefferson township; John Wesley, of Jefferson township; a son who died in infancy, and Francis E., residing in Sullitan.

William M. Smith was reared on his parents' farm and remained there until twenty-two years of age, when he commenced farming for himself in Jefferson township. He continued for ten years and then moved to Cass township, where he lived two years, while the next seventeen years were spent in Gill township on a farm. It was in 1903 that he came to the Sullivan County Infirmary, of which he has been superintendent ever since. He has proven the proper man in the place he was selected to fill. The buildings have under his management all been painted, barns erected and fences made in a substantial manner. The farm owned by the county had not been on a paying basis until it was taken in charge by Mr. Smith. The unfortunate inmates of the place are all well satisfied at the treatment they receive at his hands.

Like every good and loyal citizen of this republic, Mr. Smith has his own views regarding political parties and the principles they stand for, and he casts his vote with the Democratic party. As to his domestic relations it may be stated that he has been twice married, first, September 30, 1873, to Sarah Randolph, born in Missouri April 5, 1851, and she died April 17, 1878. There were two children born of this union: Isaac Marion, born July 25, 1875, and residing in Greene county, Indiana, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married on the 24th of August, 1903, Amanda Boyles, who died leaving one child, Alberta, who died aged fifteen months. O. O., born April 7, 1878, died June 29, 1878.

For his second wife Mr. Smith married, on August 21, 1879, Lucy E. Cooper, a native of Missouri, born December 1, 1857. Her parents came to Indiana in 1859 and settled in Cass township, Sullivan county. Her father was Samuel Cooper and his wife was Sarah Patton before her marriage. She is still living and in Clay county, Illinois. He died in 1887. Mrs. Smith's maternal grandparents owned large tracts of lumberland, mountain table lands, where they lived many years and where the grandfather died. The family were Unionists during the war, and her grandmother, leaving the estate in care of an agent, brought her family to Sullivan county, Indiana, where she spent the rest of her days. She died in her one hundred and second year. Her son William served in the Union army, and Joseph was a minister in the Christian church. Mrs. Smith was educated in the public schools of Cass and Jefferson townships. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had four children: Maude Alice is

deceased. Ezra, born December 30, 1883, resides at Elsinore, California, where he is a professor in the schools. He was educated at the college in Merom, Indiana. He married, March 1, 1903, Rhuil Arbaugh, and has two children, Edith and Garland W. He belongs to the Christian church. George B., born January 6, 1886, lives in Blair, Greer county, Oklahoma, where he is clerking in a store. He wedded, February 19, 1904, Elsie Isabell, and has two children, Cecil and Laota M., and, like his brother, is a member of the Christian church. Ethel is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Christian church.

Of Mrs. Smith's parentage it may be stated in this connection that she is one of ten children in her parents' family. Her father died when she was aged but ten years, just at a time when a girl most needs the care and good advice of a loving father. Her mother then married Jacob B. Miller, who served in the Civil war and died late in the nineties. Mrs. Smith's grandmother, Polly (Robertson) Patton, was born in March, 1794, and died June 21, 1895, in Cass township, Sullivan county. She was born in Tennessee, where her husband, William Patton, owned a very large plantation on the Cumberland mountains. At the time of the Rebellion they were driven off and came to Indiana. The children born to Mrs. Smith's parents were as follows: Mary, deceased; William Thomas, a resident of Illinois; James F., of Clay county, Illinois; Lucy E., Mrs. Smith; Martha J., deceased and a twin sister of Mrs. Smith; David C., residing in Clay county, Illinois; Elvira, deceased; Andrew J., deceased; Huldah J., a half sister, living in Clay county, Illinois; and two who died in infancy. Pearl Alice Cooper, a daughter of David Cooper, was born September 4, 1896. Her mother died when she was a few days old and she was taken home by Mr. and Mrs. Smith and has known no other home.

JOHN B. HAWKINS.—An intelligent and thriving agriculturist of Sullivan county, John B. Hawkins owns and occupies a valuable farming property in Cass township and is there numbered among the valued and trustworthy citizens of the place, fulfilling his duties and obligations as such with fidelity. A son of Tarlton Hawkins, he was born February 22, 1852, in Hamilton township, Sullivan county. Abraham Hawkins, the grandfather of John B., was of Scottish birth. Emigrating to this country, he located first in Alabama, and subsequently, not so very long after his marriage with Sarah Dowall, he came across the country to Indiana, settling in Lawrence county in pioneer times. He bought extensive tracts of land, and for many years carried on general farming and stock-raising on a large scale, living there until his death.

Born in Lawrence county, Indiana, Tarlton Hawkins was reared to agricultural pursuits, and later became a farmer from choice. Locating in Sullivan county in 1845, he bought a tract of land lying about five miles northeast of Sullivan, and at once took possession of the log house that stood in a clearing that had previously been made. He made good improvements on the land and resided there a number of years. Moving

then to Sullivan, he built up a substantial business as a dealer in grain and agricultural implements, remaining there for some time. When ready to give up active business, he returned to the farm, and there lived retired until his death, November 15, 1895. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary M. Bailey, was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, and died in Sullivan county in 1897. Her father, Elder John Bailey, was born in Kentucky, but came to Indiana when young and was a pioneer preacher of the Christian church in Lawrence county. About 1845 he settled in Sullivan county, taking up land about four miles north of Sullivan, and in addition to farming continued his ministerial labors, preaching at Sullivan, Middletown, Palmer's Prairie Church, and in other places. Both he and his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Henry, spent their last days on the home farm. Tarlton Hawkins and his wife reared ten children, namely: George R., Sarah E., Clementine, John B., Isabelle, Achsah, Florence, Mary, Ward and Mae.

John B. Hawkins was brought up on the home farm, and under the wise instruction of his father early became familiar with the various branches of agriculture, remaining beneath the parental roof until attaining his majority. Going to Texas in 1873, he spent a year in Grayson county, but not liking the place, returned to Indiana and resumed work on his father's farm. Coming to Cass township in 1888, Mr. Hawkins bought the farm on which he now resides, and has since been busily employed in its improvement. These are of an excellent character, the frame buildings which he has erected being substantial and conveniently arranged, the orchard containing a variety of fruit trees, and the land being in a fine state of cultivation. Here he is carrying on general farming and stock-raising with unquestioned success.

On December 31, 1871, Mr. Hawkins married Sarah A. Brodie, who was born February 25, 1856, in Cass township, a daughter of William Allen Brodie. Her grandfather, Samuel Brodie, born November 20, 1790, was a pioneer of Sullivan county. He located first on Shaker Prairie, but afterwards entered government land in sections six and thirty-one of Cass township, and a portion of his original purchase is now owned by his grandchildren. Improving a good homestead, he resided on it until his death, January 12, 1852. He married Ann Curry, who was born December 24, 1781, and died July 12, 1864. A native of Sullivan county, Indiana, William Allen Brodie was born September 30, 1811, in Haddon township, and was there reared to a farmer's life. Starting out for himself, he settled on a tract of timbered land in section six, Cass township, and lived first in a log cabin. Successful in his operations, he cleared much land, erected a good set of frame buildings, and from time to time added by purchase to his real estate, at the time of his death, September 29, 1892, being the owner of more than three hundred acres. He married Mary J. Maxwell, who was born on Curry's Prairie October 4, 1827. Her father, Levi Maxwell, was born near Richmond, Indiana, September 23, 1809, and was one of the early settlers of Sullivan county. Buying land, he improved a homestead on which he spent the remainder of his life, passing away June 11, 1897. He married Nancy

Carruthers, who was born March 24, 1805, and died February 12, 1834. The wife of William Allen Brodie survived him, dying December 14, 1895. Of the children born of their union, seven grew to years of maturity, namely: Sarah A., Abram McClellan, Kate Emma, Lydia Elizabeth, Mary Ellen, Viola Frances and William Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins reared four children, namely: William T., Roy A., Frank B. and Harry. William T. married Sophia Williams, and they have one child, Mildred. Roy A., who was accidentally killed at the age of twenty-six years, married Mattie Semmers, and at his death left two children, Elmer and Edna. Frank B. married Eva Keene, and they are the parents of four children, Zella, Ray, Noah and Clara. Harry married Mamie Bledsoe, and they have two children, Elzie and Desire. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins are held in high esteem throughout the community in which they reside, and are consistent members of the Christian church.

FRANCIS MARION BROWN, well known as the thoroughgoing farmer who owns a half section of excellent farming land in Turman township, Sullivan county, was born June 2, 1839, in Clark county, Indiana, a son of Nathan and Sarah Stockton (Brenton) Brown. Of Swedish descent, the father was born in Indiana, and the mother, a native of Clark county, was of English and Scotch lineage mixed with some Irish blood. They were united in marriage in Clark county, Indiana, and there resided about thirty-five years. The father was a wagon-maker, carrying on a manufactory near New Washington. He continued at this industry about ten years, and frequently one sees some of his superior make of wagons still in use in Clark and surrounding counties. From Clark county the family moved to Shelby county, Indiana, where the father was engaged in general merchandising for a term of years ending in 1857, when he moved to Sullivan county, locating in Gill township, where he purchased four hundred acres of land from James H. O'Boyle. This land he continued to cultivate the remainder of his life, adding to the same until he had six hundred and seventy acres at his death. He had farms both in Clark and Shelby counties. Politically he was an old-type Jacksonian Democrat. Both he and his good wife were members of the Christian church. Seven children blessed their marriage union: Francis Marion, of this memoir; Harriett A., single and living in Gill township on the homestead; William H., deceased; James M., of Carlisle, Indiana; John R., deceased; Sarah E., deceased; and one who died in infancy.

Francis M. Brown remained at home until he was about thirty years of age, when he went to Montana and engaged in placer mining for four years, and then returning to Sullivan county, located in Turman township, in which section he has resided ever since excepting a few years of residence in Sullivan. He now possesses an excellent farm of three hundred and twenty acres of land, upon which he carries on farming in an up-to-date and profitable manner. Political parties have ever had their devotees, and in this case the Populist party best suits Mr. Brown.

He married, February 17, 1870, Sarah E. Shields, who was born in Turman township in 1840, and died in 1884, without issue. For his second wife he married, April 2, 1885, Mary E. (McKinney) Cuppy, born in Sullivan county, Indiana, June 14, 1854, a daughter of Isaac H. McKinney, an elder in the Presbyterian church at Sullivan for about forty years. By this marriage union was born Isaac E., on February 28, 1887, who is unmarried and at home. He was educated in the high school at Graysville and Ripon College, at Ripon, Wisconsin, in which educational institution he took a literary course. Mrs. Brown by her first marriage had two children, both daughters: Chloe Alice is the wife of Orren H. Burke, a resident of Turman township, who was educated in music at Merom, Indiana; and Maggie Mae, who died in infancy. Mr. Brown and his present wife are members of the Presbyterian church and are exemplary Christians.

Concerning the ancestry of Mr. Brown let it be stated that the grandfather, William Brown, was a native of Scotland, who came to the United States while yet in his teens, going to St. Augustine, Florida, where he was a merchant and pursued it profitably. Later he moved to Indiana, and his last residence was at Brown's Landing, on the Ohio river in Clark county. On the maternal side the grandfather was William Brenton, who was of English descent, and beyond doubt was born in that kingdom. He came to Indiana before the territory was admitted to the union of states and located in Clark county, four miles north of Charles-town. He always farmed for a living after old enough to follow a plow. He produced what was long known as the Brenton corn, which is still raised by his grandson, Mr. Brown. It is a white variety of corn and its history can be traced back at least one hundred years. It was brought from Kentucky prior to the admission of Indiana to the Union.

JOHN LOCKARD.—For more than forty years John Lockard has been actively identified with the agricultural growth and prosperity of Cass township, and as a general farmer has met with excellent success, the skill, ability and good judgment which he has exercised in his work being evident in his well-tilled and richly-producing lands. A son of William Lockard, he was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, September 25, 1831. His grandfather Lockard was a life-long resident of Ireland, dying there while yet in the prime of life. His widow, accompanied by her two daughters, Rebecca and Annie, and by her son William, subsequently emigrated to America and settled with her little family in Athens county, Ohio, where she spent her remaining days.

Born in county Donegal, Ireland, William Lockard was but twelve years old when he came with his widowed mother to this country, being six weeks in making the voyage. On attaining his majority he settled as a pioneer in Tuscarawas county, buying a tract of wild land, from which he improved a homestead and there lived until his death at the venerable age of eighty-eight years. He married Nancy Doherty, who was born of Irish parents in Jefferson county, Ohio. She died on the

home farm in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in middle life, leaving eight children, namely: John, Andrew, Elizabeth, James Thompson, Lettie, Isabelle, Catherine and William.

Obtaining a practical education in the typical pioneer schoolhouse made of logs, with slab benches and no desks, John Lockard grew to manhood in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, his home for many years being a log cabin. After his marriage he began life as a farmer, renting land, and he remained in Ohio until 1859. In April of that year he came to Sullivan county, Indiana, thinking in a newer country to improve his financial condition, and here rented land for several years. In November, 1864, he enlisted in Company G, Forty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, joined his regiment at Indianapolis, and remained in service until the close of the war, being honorably discharged in June, 1865. After his return to Sullivan county Mr. Lockard bought his present home farm in Cass township, and at once assumed possession of the log cabin with its puncheon floor. There were also two log stables on the place when he bought it, and twenty-five acres of the land had been cultivated and a few more were cleared. He has labored earnestly and judiciously since coming here and has now a fine farm of one hundred and two acres, all under cultivation and yielding abundant harvests of the crops common to this region. In addition to general farming Mr. Lockard pays considerable attention to stock-raising, keeping a good grade of cattle.

On January 12, 1854, Mr. Lockard married Emaline Foote. She was born in Harrison county, Ohio, July 23, 1838. Her father, John Foote, a native of Maine, settled in Harrison county, Ohio, after his first marriage, being a pioneer farmer of that place. After residing in Ohio for a number of years he returned to his old home in Maine and there died. He was twice married, and by his first marriage had two children, Ebenezer and Louisa. He married for his second wife Frances Pierce, who was born in Baltimore county, Maryland, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Wilson) Pierce, natives of Maryland and of English and Irish parentage respectively. After the death of her husband Mrs. Foote came to Indiana and made her home with Mrs. Lockard, dying here at the venerable age of eighty-eight years. She reared eight children, as follows: Thomas, Joseph, John W., Mary Ann, Elizabeth, James F., William S. and Emaline. Mr. and Mrs. Lockard reared two children, namely: William Swasey and Flora Virginia. William S. married Cynthia Evaline Gabard. He died at the age of thirty-eight years, leaving one daughter, Dottie. Flora Virginia is the wife of Andrew Smallwood and has four children, John Lockard, Emma, Coquella and Buena Vista. Mr. and Mrs. Lockard are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and have reared their family in that religious faith.

GRANDVILLE M. LYONS, proprietor of the Sullivan Business College, located at Sullivan, Indiana, is a native of Jackson township, this county, born November 10, 1867, a son of Thomas A. and Sarah C. (Lassell)

Lyons. The parents were both natives of Ohio, the father born in May, 1835, and the mother in April, 1847, and both now reside in Sullivan. The Lyons are of Irish descent. The grandfather, Arburthnett H. Lyons, was a native of Ohio, born in 1800, and he died in August, 1876, in Jackson township, Sullivan county, Indiana. He was a blacksmith by trade, following this useful calling throughout his days, and was skilled in the making of fine-edged tools. Grandfather John F. Lassell was born in Vermont and died in Sullivan county, Indiana, on his farm in Cass township. The parents of Grandville M. Lyons came to Sullivan county with their respective parents, the Lyons coming in 1854 and the Lassells about the same time. Thomas A. Lyons and wife were united in marriage in the month of September, 1865, and were always farmers up to 1892, when they retired to the town of Sullivan. The father is a veteran of the Civil war, having served three full years from 1862 to the close of the war, as a brave soldier and member of the Eighty-fifth Indiana Regiment, belonging to Company H, under W. T. Crawford, of Sullivan. During his army career Mr. Lyons was unfortunate enough to have been a prisoner of war, being incarcerated in Libby prison, Richmond, Virginia. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Both he and his good wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Four children were born to them: Flora, deceased; Grandville M.; Minnie, unmarried and at home; George W., married and engaged in the drug trade at Chrisman, Illinois. The first born, Flora, was married to Charles E. Denton, and at her death she left seven children to survive her, all living in Jackson township, Sullivan county, except one who died since the mother's death.

Grandville M. Lyons was reared upon his father's farm and remained at home until twenty-one years of age. He then took a teacher's course at the Danville Central Normal College and the same autumn he took a business course at the same college. After leaving college he taught school in Fairbanks township, Sullivan county, Indiana. His next move was to attend and also teach in the State Normal College at Terre Haute, continuing there for nine years. The next two seasons he taught in Sullivan county, then three years in Vigo county and two more in Sullivan county. In the meantime, in 1893, he took a post-graduate course in the Terre Haute Normal College. At the expiration of the nine-year period above mentioned he was graduated from the Voorhees Business College at Indianapolis, taking a business and shorthand course. After this he accepted a position as teacher in the business department of the above school and remained there a year and a half, when he was made principal of the business department of Hill's Business College at Sedalia, Missouri, and was there employed for two years. During the first year at Sedalia he met the woman who became his wife and who was then a student at that institution. March 3, 1901, the following year, they were married. Her maiden name was Eula G. Mays, born in Johnson county, Missouri, August 27, 1873. She was educated in her native county and at the State Normal at Warrensburg, Missouri, and also in shorthand at Hill's Business College. She followed teaching in Missouri for some time.

Mrs. Lyons is the daughter of W. J. and Josephine Mays, both parents now residing at Warrensburg Missouri. The father was for many years one of the largest stock-raisers within his home county. In 1902 Mr. and Mrs. Lyons organized a business college at Kirksville, Missouri, he having charge of the business department, while his wife superintended the shorthand department. They succeeded in building up the institution so that they employed a faculty of five teachers. In 1904 they sold the business and Mr. Lyons took a penmanship course in the Zanerian Art College at Columbus, Ohio, and then accepted a position with the Jones Business College of Chicago. Jones then established a business college at Peoria, Illinois, and Mr. Lyons was made superintendent of the same. But, desiring to locate again in business for himself, he went to Sullivan, Indiana, in July, 1905, and organized the Lyons Business College, which was opened for students September 3, 1905. Here is taught a thorough shorthand commercial course. The first year sixty-five students were enrolled, and during the second year more than ninety students entered. Having had a varied and most excellent training and much actual experience at giving instruction in commercial studies, Mr. and Mrs. Lyons are fully capable of building up a school that shall long stand as a monument to their names.

Politically Mr. Lyons is an independent voter. He is an honored member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both he and his wife attend the Presbyterian church. Three children have been born to them: William Thomas, born May 6, 1902, died in infancy; James M., born December 6, 1904; and Mildred L., born May 23, 1907.

MARION F. WALTERS, of Sullivan county, Indiana, is a native of Jefferson township, this county, born August 29, 1876, son of Francis M. and Eveline (Mason) Walters. The paternal grandfather, who was born in Kentucky, died when Marion F. Walters' father was but two years of age. The widow then married T. Isebell, of Sullivan county. Francis M. Walters was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1843, on the 18th day of November, and died July 21, 1887. His wife was born in Sullivan county in 1852 and is living in Jefferson township. She was married to John K. Pirtle, after the death of Mr. Walters, and had no issue by her last marriage. By her first marriage she is the mother of three children: Elzoa, deceased; Loretta, wife of William Lun, residing in Jefferson township; and Marion F., of this narrative. Francis M. Walters always followed farming and kindred pursuits. He was a self-made man and in his time performed much hard labor in clearing up and improving his farm lands, which he brought to a high state of cultivation, owning at his death two hundred and four acres. Politically he was a Republican. Both he and his estimable wife were exemplary members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Marion F. Walters, son of Francis M., received his early education in the district schools of his native county, remaining at home until twenty

years of age, when he started farming on his own account in Jefferson township, where he continued to till the soil nine years. He inherited eighty acres and to this he added twenty-five acres more. At the expiration of the nine-year period on this place he sold out and moved to Sullivan. This was in 1895, and he began clerking in a hardware store, which after six months he was compelled to abandon on account of his health, and then took up carpentering, which he followed a short time. Upon coming to Sullivan Mr. Walters built a house here, but early in 1909 he traded his town house for a large farm. In the political race for sheriff of Sullivan county, Mr. Walters was elected November 6, 1906, and took the office January 1, 1907. Being a Republican, he was elected upon this ticket and was the second Republican sheriff ever elected in the county. He won his office by a majority of three hundred, thus showing his popularity as a good citizen and competent man. The other time a sheriff was elected on the Republican ticket was in 1872. In 1908 Mr. Walters was defeated for re-election by a small majority.

Mr. Walters was united in marriage, July 14, 1895, to Bertha Carty, born in Kentucky July 1, 1877, daughter of Augustus Carty and wife. They came to Indiana in the winter of 1878 and located in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, but now reside in Cass township. Mrs. Walters was educated in the Sullivan high school. The children born of this union are as follows: Marie, born April 6, 1896; Marion, Jr., born July 4, 1899; Mabel, born November 6, 1903; Marguerite, born February 9, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Walters are members of the Christian church. Mr. Walters is a member of the subordinate and encampment degrees of the I. O. O. F.

WILLIAM M. TRIMBLE.—Conspicuous among the extensive and progressive agriculturists of Sullivan county is William M. Trimble, of Haddon township, a large landholder, and one of the best known and most successful stock-raisers of this part of Indiana. He is in truth a native, and to the manner born, his birth having occurred September 4, 1844, in Haddon township, in the house which he now occupies, and in which his entire life has been spent. He is a son of the late Joseph Trimble and grandson of Charles Trimble, who was one of the early householders, coming here in 1814 or 1815. Joseph Trimble was born February 3, 1796, near Lexington, Kentucky. Before he was of age he and his brother William came to Sullivan county, raised a crop in Haddon township, and then, about 1814, his parents came here to make their permanent home. He subsequently took up large tracts of land in this vicinity, at the time of his death having title to a thousand acres. He married, in Haddon township, Catherine Carrico, who was born in Kentucky, near Lexington, in 1800, and died in 1868 in Haddon township, three years before he did, his death occurring in 1871. Of the nine children born of their union, seven, Sarah, Martha, James, Eliza, Josiah, Margaret and Catherine, are dead. Two, Charles, the first born, living in Haddon township, and William M., the youngest child, are the only ones living.

Reared on the home farm, and attending the schools taught principally by his father, who was a noted teacher, and an artistic penman, always using a goose quill of his own manufacture with which to write, William M. Trimble acquired a good education for his days. Being the youngest member of the parental household, he never left home, but at the age of twenty-one years took control of the home farm, and has since had its supervision. A man of superior business ability, he has achieved remarkable success in his agricultural labors, and now owns not only three hundred acres of the original homestead, but has land in both Haddon and Jefferson townships, having in his possession in all about eleven hundred acres of valuable land. Mr. Trimble makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred stock, breeding the Poll-Angus cattle, which he was the first to introduce into this locality. He now owns about forty head, twenty of which are registered, and since embarking in this industry, in 1904, he has sold twenty registered bulls, but has not disposed of any of his cows. He also raises hogs in large quantities, feeding and shipping from three to six carloads each year, and as a buyer and seller of stock is busy every month of the year. Mr. Trimble takes interest in everything connected with the welfare of the community in which he resides, and was one of the organizers and is a director of the First National Bank of Carlisle.

Mr. Trimble married, October 9, 1865, Jane Dunbar, who was born February 5, 1845, in Ohio, and came in 1864, with her parents, Alexander and Susan (Wellington) Dunbar, to Haddon township. Eleven children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Trimble, namely: Homer, living with his father; Ella, wife of Dr. A. G. Cox, of Carlisle, whose sketch may be found on another page of this volume; Eliza, wife of George Jones, of Jefferson township; Elesta, wife of Boyd Andrew, of Jefferson township; Scott, residing on his father's farm, married Addie Padgett; Angelia, wife of Fleming Milburn, of Jefferson township; Etta, Frank, Fred, Gay, and Roy. All of these children were educated in the Carlisle schools, and Roy is now attending the Lyons Business College in Sullivan. Mr. Trimble and his family are members of the Church of Christ.

ALONZO B. THURBER.—Numbered among the trusty rural free delivery U. S. mail carriers of Sullivan county, running from Sullivan, is Alonzo B. Thurber, a native of LaPorte county, Indiana, born February 29, 1848, son of Alonzo B. and Nancy J. (Atkins) Thurber. The father was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, as was his wife, and there they were united in marriage, coming to Indiana in 1847 and locating on a farm in LaPorte county. They remained in that county until their death and were sturdy farmers. He was of Irish lineage. In politics, Mr. Thurber, Sr., was a Republican and a captain in the Ohio militia. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church. The following ten children were born of their union: The eldest died in infancy; Bienna and Joseph B., deceased; Alonzo B.; Amos M., deceased; Nettie, de-

ceased; Ida M., wife of Leonard West, resides in LaPorte; Effie, wife of George Presser; Jessie, wife of George Young; Barney, residing in LaPorte.

Alonzo B. Thurber, Jr., remained on his father's farm until seventeen years of age, when he enlisted as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-first Indiana Regiment, on February 7, 1865, serving until December 28, 1865, as a private soldier in the Civil war. After the close of the war he remained at home on the farm until 1871, when he came to Sullivan county. The first year he worked on a farm and then at the Standard coal mines, north from Shelburn, his employment being on the surface. There he remained until 1879, when the mine was destroyed by fire. The next year he clerked in a store at Shelburn, then went to Parke county, Indiana, where he was engaged in the drug and hardware business a year, with B. F. Bolinger. In the spring of 1882 they sold out, after which Mr. Thurber went to Terre Haute, where he clerked for Mr. Bolinger two years and for another firm one year. The ensuing year he traveled for the McCoy Manufacturing Company, of Indianapolis. Wishing to better his circumstances, he went to Fountain county, Indiana, and was there employed by a timber man for a year. Mr. Thurber then moved to Sullivan, engaging in the lumber business on his own account, also handling timber. This he followed until 1886, when he engaged in the well-drilling business, continuing five years up to 1891. At the date last named he went into the dairy business and ran a retail wagon in Sullivan, continuing in this until 1898, when he engaged in the insurance business with the Prudential Insurance Company. This Mr. Thurber pursued with energy for three years, then changed to the American Central Insurance Company, with whom he remained two years. His present position as rural mail carrier he began in April, 1903, when he left the insurance business. From that date until December 1, 1907, he had missed but two days in personally serving his patrons.

Politically Mr. Thurber is a Republican. In lodge connection he is numbered among the worthy brothers of the Odd Fellows order and also belongs to the Maccabees. He was married to Sadie B. White, a native of Kentucky who died at Sullivan, Indiana, the mother of the following children: Claude, deceased; W. D.; Raymond, deceased; William B.; Archie, Benjamin P. For his second wife Mr. Thurber married Ophelia Humphrey, February 23, 1900. She was born in Sullivan county, Indiana. By this union one son was born: Frank B. Thurber. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thurber are members of the Christian church.

WILLIAM H. THOMAS, one of the enterprising farmers, whose new farm residence is probably the finest within Fairbanks township, is a native of Parke county, Indiana, born February 3, 1859. He received a common school education and assisted on his father's farm until twenty years of age. The father was John L. and the mother Amanda (Doty) Thomas, the former born in Kentucky and the latter in Parke county.

Indiana. The paternal grandfather, Isaac Thomas, was a native of North Carolina. John L. Thomas went to Vigo county, Indiana, with his parents and lived where Terre Haute now stands. Subsequently he moved to Parke county, where he died in March, 1887. His wife died when William H. was but two months old. He is the youngest of six sons and four daughters by the father's first marriage. By the second marriage one son was born.

When twenty years of age William H. Thomas entered the employ of M. M. Henry, of Montgomery county, Indiana, with whom he remained for five years, later going with John Brookshire, for whom he worked from the month of March to June, and then worked for Dave Hostellers a few months, returning then to John Brookshire and remaining with him for two years. In February, 1887, Mr. Thomas came to Turman township, Sullivan county, and there settled on rented land in the Wabash bottom-lands. He remained there three years. He was married, February 19, 1891, to Emma F. Rose, born in Fairbanks township, a daughter of John T. Rose, who was a large land-owner in Sullivan county. The land in Fairbanks township on which Mr. Thomas settled belonged to his wife. It is a tract containing seventy-two acres. He resided in the old house from the date of his marriage until September 23, 1903, when he moved into his new and thoroughly modern farm-house, said to be the finest within the entire township. His landed estate consists of twenty-three acres (more or less) and one hundred and thirty-two acres (more or less) in two different sections along the Wabash bottoms. Here he carries on extensive farming operations and is an extensive dealer in cattle, horses and hogs.

In his political choice Mr. Thomas is in accord with the Democratic party. Fraternally he is associated with the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders, belonging to Lodge No. 373 of the former and Lodge 763 of the latter at Fairbanks. The children born to bless the home circle of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are as follows: Clara F., died aged three months; Omer C., died when six months old; Loren, born February 14, 1895; John L., born September 26, 1897; Lella May, born January 11, 1900.

JOHN CHARLES BADDERS is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Sullivan county, and to his father, Samuel F. Badders, whose history also appears in this work, is accorded the honor of being perhaps the oldest living member of the bar of Sullivan county. The son John Charles was born in Jackson township November 19, 1863, and he remained with his father until his marriage, although he had previously bought one hundred and twenty acres of land joining the home estate when he was twenty-one years of age, and he farmed this tract in addition to assisting his father. After his marriage he went to Arkansas and bought five hundred and fifteen acres of land and farmed in that state for one year, and returning to Indiana bought land and lived in Owen county for about eighteen months, returning at the close of that

period to Sullivan county, although he still owns his farm in Owen county. On his homestead in Jackson township he has built one of the most beautiful homes in the county, and is extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Badders married, November 18, 1902, Alzena Frances Gambill, who was born August 16, 1883, and died on the 27th of September, 1907, while on a visit at the home of her mother. Her father was born in Wright township, Greene county, Indiana, March 30, 1853, while his wife was born in Sullivan county January 15, 1854, and they were married on the 26th of February, 1874, in this county. After farming on leased land for about fifteen years after their marriage they bought a farm in Greene county, but in 1903 sold their possessions there and moved to Owen county and bought the farm which they yet own, although they reside on the farm owned by Mr. Badders. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Badders was a daughter, Mary, born October 11, 1903.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN HIATT, county assessor for Sullivan county, is a man of both practical and versatile talents, as, besides making a fine official record, he has earned a substantial reputation both as an architect and a decorator. His earlier years were spent as a farmer's son and an independent agriculturist, so that he has the mastery of another vocation to be placed to his credit. Mr. Hiatt is a native of Hamilton township, Sullivan county, born on the 21st of October, 1869, and is a son of William and Susan C. (South) Hiatt. The father, who was of Irish descent, was born in Pennsylvania, while the mother was a native of this county. The elder Mr. Hiatt accompanied his parents to Indiana when a boy and spent the remainder of his life in Sullivan county, engaged in farming. There he died in 1903, both himself and wife being members of the Church of Christ and true Christians. The five children born to them were as follows: Martha Elizabeth, now the wife of John R. Snyder and a resident of Haddon township, this county; Durham, living in Sullivan; Douglas, a resident of Gill township; John C., a carpenter of Sullivan; and William Franklin, of this biography. The grandfathers were Christopher C. Hiatt and Durham Sault, the latter being a pioneer farmer of Hamilton township, Sullivan county.

William F. Hiatt was reared on his father's farm and obtained a common school education in the home neighborhood. He early evinced unusual artistic taste, and completed his schooling by taking a course in drawing, painting, and wall-paper and general ornamental designing through the International School of Correspondence, whose headquarters are at Scranton, Pennsylvania. At the same time he accomplished considerable in the way of carpentry and improved his natural talents as an architect. At the age of twenty-six he abandoned farm work altogether and established quite a business in building, painting and decorating, and it was while thus engaged that his popularity as a Democrat and his honorable standing as a citizen and a business man were demonstrated

by his election as assessor of Sullivan county, his induction into office being in January, 1907. Mr. Hiatt is also a leading Odd Fellow, identified with Sullivan Lodge No. 147, through all of whose chairs he has passed. He is quite widely associated with the local labor organizations. On March 1, 1892, Mr. Hiatt wedded Miss Vandilla Purcell, a native of this county, born September 24, 1873, daughter of Simpson Purcell, deceased. To this union have been born Gladys, Dora and Geneva Hiatt, the mother of the family being an ardent member of the Church of Christ.

GILBERT W. GAMBILL.—Among the enterprising attorneys-at-law practicing at Sullivan, Indiana, is Gilbert W. Gambill, a native of Cass township, this county, born September 28, 1881. He is the son of Marion F. and Rosa (Powell) Gambill. The father was also born in Cass township in October, 1861, and the mother was born in 1862 in the same township. Gilbert W.'s grandparents, Josiah B. and wife, Julia (Bledso) Gambill, were also both natives of Cass township. The Gambills are an old family of Irish descent and were among the earliest to settle in Sullivan county, Indiana. Marion F. Gambill and wife still live in Jackson township, this county. Their farm is near Hymera, and there they carry on general farming and stock-raising. In his political belief the father is a Democrat, and both he and his wife are members of the Christian church. Two children were born to this worthy couple: Gilbert W., of this notice, and Florence Etta. She was born January 2, 1883, is unmarried and a graduate of Brown's Business College at Terre Haute. She also attended the State Normal College of the same city and taught school two years in the district schools and one year in the schools of Hymera. At this time she is employed in Sullivan.

Gilbert W. Gambill attended the district schools, after which he entered the Normal College at Danville, Indiana, graduating with the class of 1906. He then taught in the high school at Hymera, teaching Latin and mathematics. While at the Normal he took a course in teaching, the scientific course and the law. He was admitted to the bar and to the supreme court in 1906. In April, 1907, he began the practice of law with C. D. Hunt, with whom he formed a partnership in January, 1908. Politically, he is a Democrat.

PAYTON RITCHIE.—Worthy of especial mention in this volume is Payton Ritchie, a well known and highly respected resident of the village of Cass, and a veteran of the Civil war. A son of Enoch Ritchie, he was born December 20, 1843, in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, and in that part of the state was brought up and educated. Enoch Ritchie was one of the earlier settlers of Greene county, living there but a short time, however. He afterwards lived for awhile in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, from there removing to Gill township, where he improved a farm.

About 1860 he settled in Illinois, and the following year enlisted in the Thirty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served as a soldier until the close of the Civil war. Returning then to Indiana, he spent the remaining years of his life in the town of Sullivan. He married Martha Nichols, and they became the parents of eight children.

Offering his services to his country during the period of the Civil war, Payton Ritchie enlisted, in 1863, in Company F, One Hundred and Fifteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, for a period of six months. He went with his command to East Tennessee, and was there on duty until the expiration of his term of enlistment, when he received his honorable discharge. In the spring of 1865, Mr. Ritchie again took up arms in defense of his country, enlisting in Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. With his regiment he went first to Alexandria, Virginia, thence to the Shenandoah valley, remaining with his command until discharged from the service, in August, 1865. Returning then to Sullivan county, Mr. Ritchie resumed his work as a brick maker, and subsequently learned the trade of a brick mason, and for many years was busily employed as a brick and plaster mason. Coming to the village of Cass in 1886, he has since been a resident of this place, and as a trustworthy citizen has won the esteem and respect of his fellow-men.

On September 10, 1865, Mr. Ritchie married Irena Hedley, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of John and Nancy (Dial) Hedley. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, namely: Maggie and Nannie. Maggie, who married Edward Moss, is deceased. Nannie, the wife of Henry N. Usrey, has three children—Clyde, Dewey and Orville.

JAMES M. BALDWIN, one of the truly representative men of Jefferson township, Sullivan county, began life in Kentucky, where he was born July 5, 1867, a son of William and Malissa (Green) Baldwin. His parents were both natives of Alabama, but went to Kentucky, purchased a farm and there spent the balance of their years, the father dying at the age of sixty-three years, and the mother when about fifty-seven years. They were the parents of the following named children: Robert A., deceased; William P., a resident of Kentucky, married Mathena Fields; George W., residing in Kentucky, married Marilda Hunter; T. P., a resident of Linton, Indiana, married Bettie Calloway; James M., of this notice; D. P., a resident of Linton, married Mary Calloway.

The fifth in his father's family, James M. Baldwin possesses only the education which he gleaned himself by a close application and keen observation of transpiring events. He went forth into an untried world at the tender age of fifteen years, when he went into the mines to dig coal. He proved a successful miner and has followed that occupation ever since. In 1900 he came from Kentucky to Linton, Indiana, remained two years, then went to White Rabbit and in December, 1903, purchased the eighty acre farm on which he now resides, the same being situated one mile

from Pleasantville. While he attends to the general work of his farm, his time is largely spent within the coal mines near by.

In his political affiliations it may be said that up to within about five years he has voted the Republican ticket, but now is an independent voter. Both he and his estimable wife are devoted members of the Baptist church and he is a member of Lodge No. 408 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Pleasantville. December 26, 1888, he was united in marriage to Mary E. Doss, born January 17, 1867, the daughter of William and Adeline (Miller) Doss, both of whom are deceased. There is no issue by this union.

HON. CHARLES T. AKIN, vice president of a bank and general merchandise dealer at Carlisle, Indiana, was born October 27, 1848, in Carlisle, Indiana, son of Ransom W. and Sarah R. (Sedgwick) Akin. Mr. Akin's father was a native of Indiana, born October 18, 1806, in Clark county, and he died June 18, 1880, at Carlisle. His wife was born in Maryland, September 19, 1817, and died January 3, 1903, at Carlisle. The father came to Sullivan county in 1838, locating at Carlisle, where he ever afterward resided with the exception of ten years which he spent in Bloomington, Indiana, always retaining his business interests at Carlisle, however. He was reared on a farm and began merchandising when eighteen years of age, at New Albany, Indiana. From there he went to Bowling Green, Clay county, where he remained for a short time and then moved back to New Albany and from there moved to Carlisle in 1838. He was a very successful dealer in general merchandising goods. Being a recognized financier, he was made a member of the banking board, under the old law, also a director of the state prison. He served capably as a member of the house and senate of Indiana, and was treasurer of the State University at Bloomington. Politically, he was a staunch defender of Democratic principles. He was of Scotch and English extraction, his father, Josiah Akin, coming from the east to Kentucky and from there to Clark county, Indiana, and dying in New Albany in 1858. His occupation was farming.

Ransom W. and Sarah R. (Sedgwick) Akin were the parents of twelve children, born in the following order: William M., a resident of Evansville; Evelyn, living in Evansville; Frank M., deceased; Mary S., deceased; J. S., residing at Carlisle; Maggie E., deceased; Sarah W., widow of Mr. Cloud and residing in Boston; Louise, wife of George Price, living in Sullivan; Ransom W., Jr., deceased; Charles T.; Edgar W., Sr., residing at Carlisle, engaged in banking; Josiah T., living in Sullivan. The parents were both members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Charles T. Akin, the tenth child in the family of Ransom and Sarah Akin, received his education at the common schools of his native county and clerked in the store owned by his father, from the age of fifteen years, until he was twenty-four years old, when he was taken in as a partner with his father and brother, Edgar W. Akin, under the firm name of R. W. Akin & Sons, which relation existed until the death of the father

in 1880, when the brother Josiah took over his father's interest, the style of the firm being changed to R. W. Akin's Sons. In 1902 the brother Josiah retired and Charles T. absorbed the business, which has grown to be one of the most extensive in Sullivan county. Mr. Akin is rated as being the largest shipper of poultry in Indiana, handling immense quantities of both eggs and poultry. During the summer time he runs four large wagons through the rural districts loaded with supplies for the farmers, selling on the same terms and giving as good a quality of merchandise as though sold direct from his large store. This feature of his business has been carried on for more than ten years. Besides his mercantile interests Mr. Akin operates two large farms within the township in which he resides.

Mr. Akin is a supporter of the Democratic party and has been chosen to fill several important public positions, beginning with that of member of the school board, leading up to member of the state house of representatives for the sessions of 1881-83. In 1891-93 he was state senator. He was a member of the special committee which created the first salary bill for the payment of county officers. He was also on the finance committee for the state tax-bill, making corporations pay their full share of taxes, and in many other ways aided in furthering needful legislation. Fraternally he is connected with both the Masonic and Ben Hur lodges, at Carlisle.

Mr. Akin was united in marriage, December 19, 1890, to Sophia Benedict, a native of Spencer county, Indiana, born May 5, 1860, daughter of Jacob Benedict and wife. Mr. Benedict is now deceased and his widow resides at Gentryville, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Akin have four children: Beulah, born September 19, 1891, single and now attending college at Ferry Hall, Lake Forest, Illinois; Helen; Charles T., Jr.; and Sedgwick R.

OLIVER J. CARTWRIGHT.—Numbered among the active and capable business men of Carlisle is Oliver J. Cartwright, who is associated with the International Harvester Machine Company as salesman, his territory covering Sullivan, Greene, Knox and Vigo counties. A son of Samuel A. Cartwright, he was born, April 5, 1865, in Haddon township, about one and one-fourth miles west of the village of Carlisle. His Grandfather Cartwright migrated from North Carolina, his native state, to Indiana, in pioneer days, and took up land in Haddon township, being one of the early settlers of this part of the county.

Born in Haddon township in 1838, Samuel A. Cartwright followed the free and independent occupation to which he was reared, living near the parental homestead until within a few years. Selling out then, he bought a farm in Hamilton township, where he has since been profitably employed in agricultural pursuits. A man of sterling integrity, he is a valued citizen of the township in which he resides, and an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He married Nancy Lemen, whose birth occurred in Gill township, in September, 1840. Both

she and her husband are valued members of the Christian church. Three children blessed their union, namely: Isabelle, born in February, 1863, is the wife of Frank Starner, of Carlisle; Oliver J., of this sketch; and William L., of Sullivan, who married Catherine Bell, a native of Hamilton township.

Receiving a practical education in the public schools of Carlisle, Oliver J. Cartwright was well drilled in the science of agriculture while young, and remained with his parents until about twenty-five years old. Embarking then in farming on his own account, he continued for about twenty years, from 1895 until 1906 being located about one and one-half miles south of Carlisle. Selling his farm in the latter-named year, Mr. Cartwright moved to Carlisle, where he has since resided. While on the farm he operated a threshing machine for nearly twenty-four years, being kept busily employed in the vicinity of Carlisle during the harvest season. Since coming to Carlisle, Mr. Cartwright has been variously engaged, at the present time travelling in the interests of the International Harvester Machine Company, as previously stated.

On January 28, 1892, Mr. Cartwright married Isabelle Starner, who was born in Knox county, Indiana, in October, 1864, a daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Jerel) Starner, who spent their entire lives in that county. Her father was a farmer, and also a brick mason by trade. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright, namely: Opal, born November 8, 1894; and Okie, born February 13, 1896. Politically Mr. Cartwright is a Republican, and fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to both the lodge and encampment, and to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is especially active in the former, having filled all of the offices in both the lodge and encampment, and having served as a delegate to the Grand Lodge, of which he is one of the trustees. Religiously Mrs. Cartwright is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ANDERSON WARD DRIVER, a grain and stock farmer of Jefferson township, Sullivan county, whose farm home is four and a half miles south from Pleasantville, was reared and educated in Sullivan county. He was born August 8, 1867, in Jefferson township, son of James E. and Lovina (Osborn) Driver. The father, a son of Edwin Driver, was born May 21, 1832, in Decatur county, Indiana, and the mother in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, January 19, 1834; both now reside at the town of Sullivan. James E. came to Jefferson township about 1850, settling at the north end of the township, where he entered land, at one time owning two hundred and seventy acres, and he carried on general farming and stock-raising. He is a Democrat and for many years an elder in the Christian church, of which his wife is also a member. They are the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, residing in Sullivan, wife of Anthony Robbins, now deceased; John C., of Jefferson township, married Hattie Herndon; Mary Frances, living in Canton, Mississippi, married John

Maxwell; James S., who occupies the old homestead in Jefferson township, married Inez Buck; Daniel, of Jefferson township, married Laura Smith; Anderson Ward, of this notice; Mazie May, married Lafayette Pigg and is now deceased. Two other children died in their infancy. Lovina (Osborn) Driver, the mother, was the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Moser) Osborn. They came to Indiana from Tennessee and were among the early settlers.

Anderson W. Driver, the sixth child in the family, attended the public schools in his own neighborhood at such times as he could and at other times at Sullivan. He remained dutiful at home and materially assisted his father until his marriage, after which event he rented land in Jefferson township two or three years and in 1892 went to the vicinity of Sedalia, Missouri, and there farmed on rented land two seasons. He had not seen a better location than Sullivan county, Indiana, his native place, hence returned and purchased forty-six acres in the north end of Jefferson township. This tract he soon sold and rented land of his brother-in-law, near Paxton. In 1904 Mr. Driver had so well prospered that he was enabled to purchase one hundred and twenty acres, four and a half miles south of Pleasantville, where he now carries on a well ordered grain and stock farm.

As every good citizen in this free form of government has, or should have, his preference in political party platforms, Mr. Driver has chosen that of the Democratic as his standard. Being an exemplary Christian, he, together with his wife, have their church home with the Christian church. Believing in the correctness of life insurance, as a means of protection for his family, he is a member of that most excellent order—the Modern Woodmen of America. His lodge, No. 4929, is at Pleasantville, Indiana. Mr. Driver was married November 24, 1888, to Anna L. Robbins, born August 17, 1869, in Haddon township, Sullivan county. She is the daughter of Washington and Anna (Arnett) Robbins, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Driver are the parents of the following children: Orland E., born November 18, 1891, now in his second high school year at Sanborn; Lee O., born October 24, 1893, also attending school; James H., born June 16, 1895, in school; Pansy Marie, born September 18, 1898.

A. E. A. SLOOP.—A practical and successful farmer of Haddon township, Sullivan county, Abraham E. A. Sloop has resided in this section of Indiana for nearly a quarter of a century and has lived in the state for some forty years. Although then but a young man, he had served in the Confederate army from North Carolina, under the renowned General Johnston, but after coming to Indiana remained within the borders of the state, with the exception of two years, engaged in various agricultural and artisan pursuits. So that both from the standpoint of patriotism and practical usefulness Mr. Sloop is an ideal American citizen. Born in Rowan county, North Carolina, on the 8th of March, 1847,

he is a son of Henry and Rosanna (Seckler) Sloop, both parents being natives of that county. In 1884 they joined their sons in Greene county, Indiana (in which he located ten years before), and there the father died in 1895 and the mother in 1902.

A. E. A. Sloop was reared on the home plantation in Rowan county, his youth covering the Civil war period. He was not able to enlist until April, 1864, when he joined the Second North Carolina Junior Reserves. Although he saw active service in the desperate engagements of the final struggle under General Joseph E. Johnston, participating in the battle of Bentonville, he escaped without a wound or other injury. At the conclusion of the war he returned to his home in North Carolina, but in March, 1869, adopted the Hoosier state by becoming a resident of Lawrence county. In the autumn of that year he located at Paxton, where he learned the blacksmith's trade under his brother (Henry O. Sloop), following that vocation for about four years. He next resumed farming, locating on a tract of land near Linton, Greene county, in the spring of 1874, and in that locality conducting agricultural operations (in connection with blacksmithing) for over three years. Mr. Sloop tried Texas as an experiment, for two years from the autumn of 1877; returning to Greene county he resided there for the succeeding two years, and lived in Knox county for a like period, and in the fall of 1883 re-located in Greene county, settling in Haddon township, Sullivan county, in the spring of 1885. There he purchased a farm of eighty acres, sixty acres of which he retains and profitably cultivates. In his politics he is a Republican, and a citizen of sterling and useful character.

On January 5, 1871, Mr. Sloop married Miss Laura E. Linn, a native of North Carolina, who died in 1883, the mother of three children—one of whom died an infant, prior to Mrs. Sloop's decease. Charles, who was born in 1876, married Estelle Dailey, a native of Haddon township, and both reside in Greene county. Cora P., the second child of this marriage to reach maturity, was born June 16, 1879; is a native of Texas, and is the wife of Robert Robertson, residing in Jefferson township, Sullivan county. On March 8, 1891, Mr Sloop wedded for his second wife, Miss Rebecca A. (Creager) Bedwell, born in Hamilton township, November 20, 1842, daughter of Lewis and Sarah J. (Brodie) Creager. The father was a native of Maryland and, with his wife, was among the pioneers of Haddon township. The grandparents of Mrs. Rebecca A. Sloop at one time lived in the famous fort at Vincennes, Indiana, where so many of the pioneers took refuge from the Indians. While living in the fort two children belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Wetherscamp were stolen by the savages—the boy being given to one tribe and the girl to another. The former played with the Indian boys as if he were really one of them, and one of their customs was to drive the ponies of the tribe across a small river (to keep the animals out of the corn), the lads afterwards swimming back. Upon one of these occasions it occurred to the white boy that he had better say farewell to his dusky comrades and start for the Vincennes fort—which he did, galloping off on a good pony. The boy rode all that night and the next day until evening,

and safely reached home, after an absence of two years. After he had been a member of the home circle for about a year his mother begged him to endeavor to recover his sister. Fortunately, the youth had general knowledge of her whereabouts and her habits, and finally reached the locality near which her captors had their camp. In the vicinity was a swamp containing a number of springs, from which the Indians drew their water supply, and tethering his pony he took his station on a mound, knowing it was his sister's custom to come to one of the springs. Keeping close watch until the following evening, he was finally rewarded by the appearance of his sister and, as she was dipping water from the spring, he seized her, placed a handkerchief in her mouth to prevent her screaming, got her on his pony in front of him and dashed off. Soon quieting her with his explanations (made largely in sign language), the brave boy rode all that night and until noon the next day, when he stopped to feed the exhausted animal, as well as his sister and himself. They did not stop again until they reached Vincennes and the overjoyed parents.

Before her marriage Mrs. Sloop was the widow of William Bedwell, who was born in Jefferson township and died September 19, 1888. By her first marriage Mrs. Sloop became the mother of three children, as follows: Mary L., now the wife of David Bedwell, of Hamilton township; Cornie B., deceased, who married Cora Creager, the widow now residing near Sullivan; and Alna V., who became the wife of Fred Orr. Mr. and Mrs. Sloop are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Paxton, of which body the husband is a trustee and a steward.

JOHN T. RIGGLE, one of the thrifty and painstaking farmers whose fine rural home is situated within the limits of Gill township, Sullivan county, is a native of Wayne county, Indiana, born July 10, 1836, hence has passed his four score year mark, but notwithstanding his multiplied years and the amount of hard labor performed, he is still a well preserved and rugged man, for one of his years. He is the son of John and Katharine (Swartz) Riggle. His parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, the father was born in 1803 and the mother in 1814. The father moved to Ohio with his parents, who were pioneers and farmers. It is related of them that they were compelled to keep their dogs within the house at night time in order to protect themselves from the wolves. Mr. Riggle's mother also went to the Buckeye state with her parents, who were farmers there until 1848, when they came to Indiana, locating in Warren county, on a farm, where the mother died about 1851. The father resided in that county about twenty-five years, then sold and removed to Vermilion county, where he purchased a forty acre farm and died there, May 29, 1872. He was a cooper by trade and followed that during the winter months, but always attended to his farm in the farming season.

John T. Riggle is one of a family of six children, he being the third

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in order of birth. He obtained his schooling in Ohio, excepting one winter term in Indiana. Up to the time he was twenty-two years of age he remained at home, then rented a farm in Illinois one season, and continued renting land for farming purposes until 1886, when he bought seventy-eight acres, upon which he now resides, a portion of which he rents out and the balance he farms himself. In 1864 he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Illinois Infantry, as a private soldier, serving five months and twelve days as one who offered his services in defense of his country's flag. After his return from the war he followed carpentering for about four years. Politically Mr. Riggle is a firm supporter of the general principles of the platform of the Republican party, but has never aspired to public office. In church faith he is a Christian.

He was happily married, April 1, 1858, to Mary S. Thomas, born in West Virginia, near Green Brier, April 16, 1840, daughter of James and Nancy Thomas, she being the youngest of her parents' four children. The father and mother were both natives of and died in West Virginia when Mary was but a small girl. The father was a blacksmith. The children of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Riggle are as follows: Flora L., deceased; Harris G., of Curryville, Indiana; William W., of Danville, Illinois, a miner; Charles W., Emma G. and Sylvester A., all deceased; Rozella, of Curryville, Indiana, a miner; and Benjamin, of Sullivan county, also a miner.

ANDREW J. CONLEY.—Distinguished for his patriotic services during the Civil war, and as a man of honor and integrity, Andrew J. Conley is numbered among the citizens of good repute and high standing in Sullivan county, his residence being in Cass. A native of Indiana, he was born May 8, 1838, a son of Thomas Conley, and grandson of John Conley. His great-grandfather on the paternal side was for many years a resident of Kentucky, and there reared his seven sons. Born and reared in old Kentucky, John Conley was a pioneer settler of Sullivan county, Indiana, where he lived a number of years before going to Illinois to take up land. From the Prairie state he came back to Indiana, and after living a while in Sullivan county bought land in Knox county, and there began the improvement of a farm. Subsequently selling his land, he moved to Missouri, and settled in Texas county, where he spent the remainder of his life.

A Kentuckian by birth, Thomas Conley came with his parents to Indiana, and with them settled in Sullivan county. While yet a young man, he married Lucinda House, who was born in Illinois, a daughter of Michael House. She died in early life, leaving five children, Joseph, Jane, Andrew J., Dicey, and Nellie. After the death of his wife, he removed with the family to Clay county, Illinois, where he died within a short time, his death occurring in 1846. His orphaned children then returned to Indiana, and until able to care for themselves lived with their paternal grandparents.

Spending the days of his boyhood and youth with his Grandfather Conley, Andrew J. Conley was brought up in Sullivan and Knox counties, and remembers well when all of this section of the country was a wilderness, and deer, bears, wolves and wild turkeys were plentiful, and Vincennes, twenty miles away, was the principal market place. The family dressed in homespun, which was made by his mother, and until nine years old, when he had his first pair of shoes, he went barefoot the year round. Beginning the battle of life on his account at the age of seventeen years, Mr. Conley went to Illinois, and was there employed in farming until after the breaking out of the Civil war. Then, on July 2, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Twenty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and with his regiment spent the following winter at Allenville, Missouri. Going in the spring of 1862 to Tennessee, he took part in the engagement at Fort Donelson, and was afterwards at the front in the battles at Shiloh and Corinth. Going thence to Memphis, he remained there a brief time, then went to Helena, Arkansas, from there going to Grand Prairie, Arkansas, then back to Helena. With his command he then joined Grant's forces at Vicksburg, and with his regiment was in active service at the battles of Olive Church, Fourteen-Mile Creek, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hill, Bakers Creek, Black River, and at the siege and capture of Vicksburg. Going then to Jackson, Mississippi, he was in the seven-days siege, and later participated in the battle of Canon Crow Bayou, from there going by way of New Orleans to Baton Rouge, and subsequently fought in the battles at La Mine river, Morganza Bend, and at Atchafalaya Bayou. The following winter he spent with his regiment at Fort Pickens, Florida, going from there in the spring to Pensacola, thence to Mississippi, where he assisted in the capture of Fort Blakeley, and of Mobile. Going then by boat to Montgomery, news was received while his regiment was on its way to that place of the surrender of Lee and his forces. Mr. Conley spent two months in Mobile, being there at the time of the explosion, but escaped injury. Going from there to Galveston, Texas, he was there mustered out of service November 15, 1865, and was sent by way of New Orleans to Indianapolis, where he received his honorable discharge. Returning to Sullivan county, Mr. Conley rented a farm for one year, and then learned the carpenter's trade, which he has since followed successfully.

Mr. Conley married first, in 1867, Nancy Jane Risley, who was born in Knox county, Indiana, and died, August 23, 1878, in Sullivan county. On September 5, 1880, Mr. Conley married for his second wife Martha Gambill. She was born, February 23, 1849, in Wright township, Greene county, where her father, Robert Gambill, spent the greater part of his life. Her grandfather, Martin Gambill, moved from Tennessee to Indiana at an early day, becoming one of the pioneers of Greene county, where he improved a farm, on which he spent the remainder of his years. But a boy when he came with his parents to Indiana, Robert Gambill there grew to manhood. Choosing farming as his life work, he was there employed in tilling the soil until 1902, when he came to Cass township, and thereafter made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Conley until his death,

January 24, 1907. The maiden name of his wife was Nancy Humphreys. She was born in Putnam county, Indiana, a daughter of Henson and Mary (Nosler) Humphreys, and died, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conley, April 14, 1904. By his first union Mr. Conley had one child, Franklin M., and by his present marriage has two children, Nellie and Lizzie May. Franklin M. married Lillie Parker, and they have two sons, Robert and Emil. Nellie, wife of Luther Keene, has two children, Bernice and Edith May.

RUFUS O. WILLARD, one of the old and honored farmers of Sullivan county, residing in Gill township, was born January 8, 1838, on the farm on which he now lives. He is a son of Orson and Elizabeth (McCutcheon) Willard, the father born in Utica, New York, March 14, 1787, while the mother was a native of Virginia. Orson Willard came to Indiana in 1807, before it had been admitted as a state, and he entered government land and remained until 1852, when he left his farm in the hands of a tenant and went to California and there took up more government land within the Waukeen Valley. This western trip he made overland, arriving August 7, 1853. He took a large lot of cattle there with him and engaged in farming, remaining there until his death in 1854. His wife had died in 1840. Politically he was a Whig before the formation of the Republican party and he was a candidate for senator in 1844. Orson and Elizabeth Willard were the parents of three children: Lenora, deceased, was the wife of Captain James H. Garrett, also deceased; Isabelle, wife of Colonel John A. Garrett; he is dead, and she is residing in Newton, Iowa; Rufus O., of this sketch.

Rufus O. Willard received his education at the schools of New Lebanon, Carlisle and Waveland, Indiana. His father died when he was fifteen years of age, in California, where the son remained on the farm, caring for the stock and estate in general until it was disposed of and then started with his mother for Indiana, coming by the Panama water route to New York City, arriving June 16, 1854. He then resided in Carlisle and attended school about five years. He then went onto the farm which he now occupies, going to this farm in April, 1862. He possesses the original patent to this tract of land, the instrument bearing the signature of President Jackson. Mr. Willard has lived here continuously ever since his settlement, with the exception of the winter of 1907-08, which he spent in Florida, being absent four and a half months. This farm contains one hundred and sixty acres, which for many years was farmed by his sons until 1907, when it was rented. Though he was himself actively engaged on the farm, Mr. Willard made a specialty of stock-raising, in which he was very successful.

Mr. Willard has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1866 and stands for all that is good and truly progressive in the community in which he has resided so many years. Politically he is a radical Republican. He was married May 7, 1860, to Miss Mary Owens, born in Carlisle, August 5, 1842, daughter of B. F. and Sarah (Barker)

Owens. Her father was a native of Macon, Georgia, as was also the mother. Mrs. Willard's parents resided in Indiana but a short time, then returned to Macon, where they died several years since. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Willard are as follows: Louisa, wife of C. L. Engle, residing in Gill township, on a farm, and they have eight children; Anna, wife of Rush L. Davis, a farmer, they have six children; Katherine, wife of E. W. Sanders, of Detroit, Michigan, a traveling salesman and manufacturer of porcelain, and they are the parents of two children; Laura, wife of F. H. Huntworth, of Chehalis, a professor in the high schools; they have two children; Mary, unmarried, residing in Seattle, Washington, at the head of the science department of the high schools; Roxie, deceased, was the wife of Greenfield Wolf, of Sullivan and they had two children; Orson, married Marjorie Benefield, of Carlisle, and resides at Lawrence, Kansas, temporarily; Belden, unmarried and at home.

DR. JOHN W. LISMAN, a practicing physician of New Lebanon, Sullivan county, is a native of Haddon township, this county, born December 20, 1853, son of John and Elizabeth (Johnson) Lisman, both of whom were born near Carlisle, Indiana, the father November 19, 1814, and the mother September 20, 1814. They were farmers all of their lives. Grandfather Lisman came from Kentucky and the grandparents Johnson came from Vincennes, Indiana. The great-grandparents, on the paternal side, came from Germany and on the maternal side from Virginia, but were of English descent. The doctor's father remained on his farm until the death of his wife about 1890, after which he resided with his children until his own death, which occurred July 8, 1906. In his family were five children, born in the following order: Samuel, a practicing physician at Oaktown; Malinda, wife of George McCarnie, a farmer; Frederick, residing on the old homestead, near Carlisle; Dr. John W., of this sketch; Sarah F., who died at the age of twelve years, in 1873.

Dr. Lisman attended school at Carlisle, Indiana, and remained at home until he reached his majority. Having decided to enter the medical profession, he matriculated at a medical college at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which institution he graduated in 1878. Prior to his entering college he studied under a brother for two years. He began practice at New Lebanon, Sullivan county, where he is still located and enjoying a lucrative practice. During the passing of the years the doctor has accumulated a handsome competency and owns a two hundred and twenty acre tract of land, besides having one of the best residences in Sullivan county, which was built in 1895. On account of failing health he has had to diminish his once very extended practice, not being able to longer stand the severe winter weather. The doctor is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and Ben Hur fraternities. He has been Noble Grand in the first named order. In his political views Dr. Lisman adheres to the Democratic party, while in his church relations he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member of the advisory board since such an office was created.

September 13, 1885, he was married to Elizabeth Springer, born May 4, 1864, daughter of John D. and Hester F. (Creager) Springer. The mother is a granddaughter of General French and both her parents were born in Gill township, Sullivan county. The father died in 1894 and the mother, born May 22, 1831, died in 1905. In the Springer family were the following children: Perry, deceased; Lucy, deceased; Urzilla, wife of John Arbaugh, residing in California; Elizabeth (Mrs. Lisman); Clara, wife of J. G. Brokaw; Teresa, deceased, was wife of J. K. Kalson; Jesse, deceased. Dr. Lisman and wife had two children: John, born August, 1886, died October of the same year; and Claud, born January 5, 1888, unmarried and attending school at Greencastle, Indiana.

L. E. COTE, the proprietor of one of the leading bakery establishments of Hymera, has been the architect of his own success and has builded wisely and well. He was left an orphan at the early age of thirteen years, and he was only a lad of seven at the time of his father's death. He made his home with a sister until he was fifteen, and then started out in life to battle for himself, working for others during the first year. He then started on his career as a baker, learning the trade under the able instruction of Wells & Boettler, of St. Louis, Missouri, and he continued with that firm for five years, working as a journeyman baker until 1902, when he came to Hymera and established the bakery of which he is yet the proprietor. In connection therewith he now also has a restaurant and confectionery department, cigars and tobacco, a fancy grocery department and does a general bakery business. His store is up-to-date in all its departments, and he enjoys a large and profitable trade.

Mr. Cote is a native son of St. Charles, Missouri, born May 14, 1879, a son of John B. and Sophia (Osgood) Cote, both of whom were also born in that state, and the father was of Canadian French descent. He enlisted as a private in a Missouri regiment during the Civil war, and served as a soldier for three years, in the meantime being advanced to the position of a corporal. Soon after the close of the war he moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he worked for others and remained there until his death in 1886. His wife died seven years later, on the 14th of August.

On the 28th of September, 1901, L. E. Cote was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Doernhoefer, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 20, 1878, a daughter of John Conrad and Katherine (Lykam) Doernhoefer, who were also from the fatherland. The father was a farmer and died in that country on the 26th of May, 1904, and the mother is still living there. Mr. Cote is independent in politics and is a member of the Catholic church at Sullivan.

MARION F. WILLIS.—A native-born citizen of Sullivan county, a soldier in the Civil war, and the representative of a pioneer family, Marion F. Willis, of Sullivan, is eminently deserving of mention in a work of this character. He was born in Haddon township, this county,

February 20, 1844, a son of John A. Willis, of Virginia ancestry. Born in Virginia in 1808, John A. Willis was taken by his parents, when a small child, to Kentucky, where he was reared and where he married. About 1830 he followed the trail of the emigrants to Indiana, and in Haddon township, Sullivan county, took up a tract of wild land, from which he improved a good homestead, and there resided until his death, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. He was twice married, and reared twelve children. His second wife, mother of Marion F., was Sarah Boatman. She was born in Jessamine county, Kentucky, and died in Sullivan county, Indiana, at the age of eighty-three years. William Willis, son of John A., served three years in the Civil war, enlisting as a private in Company E, Forty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and being promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Returning home after receiving his honorable discharge, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. Tilghman Willis, another son of John A., enlisted, at the age of seventeen years, in Company D, First Indiana Heavy Artillery, and served for fifteen months, when he was honorably discharged. He afterwards attended Christian College, at Merom, Sullivan county, and became a preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church, for six years being the presiding elder of the Bloomington district.

Having completed his early studies in the district schools, Marion F. Willis attended the Sullivan High School, obtaining a practical education. In 1864 he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was with his regiment until receiving his honorable discharge, in July, 1865. Beginning a professional career in 1867, Mr. Willis taught school successfully for twelve years, being employed in Haddon, Cass, Hamilton and Turman townships. Locating then in Sullivan, he has since worked at the shoemaker's trade and has here built up an excellent patronage. Mr. Willis has been twice married. He married first, at the age of twenty-four years, Minerva Fogg, who spent her entire life in Indiana, passing away in 1885. He married for his second wife Maria Robbins, also a native of Indiana. By his first marriage Mr. Willis had four children: Arthur R., Luella, Sarah M., and Catherine G. By his second union he has two children, William D. and Walter Ray.

JACOB F. HOKE, well known in mercantile and banking circles at Sullivan, Indiana, through his long experience in such lines of business, is a native of Haddon township, Sullivan county. He was born on the old Hoke homestead, two and a half miles southeast of Carlisle, August 15, 1839, a son of Jacob and Rosanna (Brentlinger) Hoke, whose family history will be found elsewhere in this work in the sketches of William F. Hoke and John A. Hoke. Jacob F. Hoke was reared on a farm and remained at home until he was twenty years of age, when he embarked in the mercantile business, at Sullivan, with James S. Walls, in December, 1859, and continued doing business under the firm name of Walls &

Hoke for about two years. Early in 1861 Walls entered the army, leaving Mr. Hoke alone in the business until early in 1862, when he himself enlisted as a member of the Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Regiment, belonging to Company H. He entered the army August 15, 1862, and served until November, 1864, enlisting as a private, and was promoted to first lieutenant, serving under Captain William T. Crawford, whose sketch appears in this work. Jacob F. Hoke participated in several skirmishes and battles. He was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea. He was mustered out at Atlanta, Georgia, November, 1864.

Soon after coming home he engaged in the hardware trade with W. H. Crowder, Sr., under the firm name of Crowder and Hoke, which firm continued until 1872, when Mr. Hoke bought his partner's interest and conducted the business alone until 1889. He then sold out to his sons-in-law, Long and Warren. Mr. Hoke and William H. Crowder organized the Sullivan County Bank and in 1892 Mr. Hoke bought a controlling interest in the Farmers' State Bank of Sullivan and conducted the same until 1897, when the two banks were consolidated—the Sullivan County Bank and the Farmers' State Bank—taking the name of Sullivan State Bank, September 1, 1897, since which date Mr. Hoke has been the president of the institution. He is also a stockholder and director in the Citizens' Trust Company of Sullivan; stockholder in the Crawford County State Bank, at Robinson, Illinois; stockholder in the American National Bank of Indianapolis, and is president of the American Box Ball Company of Indianapolis. He resides at Sullivan, in one of the finest residences of the town—first known as the Captain Briggs residence.

Politically Mr. Hoke is a supporter of the general principles of the Republican party. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, to the Knights Templar degree and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias order and the Grand Army of the Republic. He was happily married in March, 1864, to Elizabeth Ann Maxwell, born in Sullivan county, Indiana, September, 1840, and who died in 1882. Three children were born of this union: Cora, wife of John T. Beasley, of Terre Haute; Nellie, wife of C. E. Warren, of Sullivan; Helen, deceased. For his second wife Mr. Hoke married, in March, 1884, Ellen (Wright) Long, widow of Robert Long. She was born in Ohio, July, 1839. Believing in enjoying the competency they have acquired with the passing of the years, they have spent the past nine winters in various parts of the south, including Florida, Cuba, Mississippi and California. In their church connections Mr. Hoke and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

W. H. McKEE, the leading merchant in Hymera, was born in Turman township of Sullivan county January 20, 1859, a son of William M. and Jane (Bennett) McKee, the father a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, and the mother of New Lebanon, Sullivan county, born in 1829. During the early history of this community William M. McKee established his home here and for some years was engaged in farming, but gradually drifted

into politics and became very prominent in the public life of this part of the state. During several years he served the county of Sullivan as a judge, and he also represented his district in the legislature. His death occurred on the 26th of January, 1869, and he was loved and honored for his many noble characteristics. The mother survived until the 9th of January, 1907.

W. H. McKee was left fatherless when a lad of ten years and about four years later he began working in a store at Merom as a salesman. After about four years in the store he entered the Union Christian College of that city, working his own way through the college, and after the completion of his course he went to Illinois and rented a farm in that state for two years. From there he returned to Merom, but going to Kansas later he was employed in a mercantile store there for one year, from whence he went to Trumbull county, Illinois, where he farmed on a place of his own for ten years, and then selling his land there went to Robinson and served as the deputy postmaster for four years. After a similar period spent as a merchant at that place he sold his possessions there and came to Hymera and opened the largest mercantile store in the city, carrying an extensive and complete line of groceries, fancy notions, queensware, etc., and is annually transacting a large and remunerative business. He owns his own home in the city, a commodious and comfortable dwelling.

Mr. McKee was married, September 29, 1886, to Lenora Trimble, a daughter of James B. and Mary (Dunlap) Trimble, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Illinois. The town of Trimble in Illinois was named in honor of the father, and the parents were married in that state and resided there until their death, the father in February of 1881 and the mother in 1892. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McKee: Blanche, Loren T. and Chauncey S. Loren T. is attending Rose College and preparing for the profession of a civil engineer. Mr. McKee is a Republican in his political affiliations and is a member of the Methodist church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Tribe of Ben Hur and Modern Woodmen of America.

DR. JAMES E. McCONNELL, a graduate of both Louisville and Rush Medical colleges and formerly engaged in substantial practice at Carlisle, was born near that city, December 23, 1869, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Corbin) McConnell. Both father and son were born on the same farm, the former on April 1, 1816. William McConnell was a farmer and a carpenter, but agriculture was his mainstay until his death, August 3, 1887. The mother was born in Jessamine county, Kentucky, April 8, 1827, and when nine years of age was brought by her parents to Haddon township, this county. The latter died near Carlisle and Mrs. McConnell passed away in that city, on the 13th of November, 1899. William McConnell married Maranda Shake for his first wife, and she died only a few months afterward. By his second wife (Elizabeth

Corbin) he had eleven children—Mary and Juda, deceased; Hannah, now the wife of John S. Howard; Eliza, Mrs. Charles J. Spencer; Elizabeth, who married Dolphin Sheperd and resides in Dugger; William F., who lives in Martinsville, Indiana; Jennie, wife of William H. Moody, residing at Jacksonsville, that state; James E., of this sketch; and three died in infancy.

James E. received his early training on his father's farm and in the district schools of his home township. He studied medicine for several years, as opportunity offered in the midst of his agricultural labors and his duties as a school teacher, and in January, 1902, entered Louisville Medical College for a regular course. He remained there for two years and was then matriculated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he graduated with the class of June, 1895. In the month following his graduation from Rush Medical College Dr. McConnell opened an office for general practice at Carlisle. In 1902 he had taken a course in advanced therapeutics in the New York School and in 1905 also pursued post-graduate work in the New York Polytechnic; so that his professional training was especially thorough when he settled in Carlisle for general practice. Besides making substantial advances in his profession, the doctor soon developed a decided business talent, being one of the organizers of the Carlisle Co-operative Telephone Company and its president-treasurer. He was president of the Sullivan County Medical Society and identified with the Indiana State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Fraternally, he belonged to the Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and, in Masonry, had membership in the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council. His recent removal to Colorado, on account of his health, is a pronounced loss to Carlisle. He is now practicing medicine in Delta, Colorado.

On December 1, 1895, Dr. McConnell married Miss Dorothea Albert, a native of Freelandville, Indiana, born on the 22nd of December, 1872. She is of German ancestry and her father, William Albert, was a brick mason who died in 1874. Mrs. McConnell received a thorough education both in her native place and at the Normal school, Danville, Indiana, and, before her marriage, taught one year in the graded school at Pleasantville and one year in the district schools. The doctor and his wife are the parents of two children, as follows: William Senn, born June 6, 1897, and Glenll, born July 2, 1900.

DR. STONEWALL J. ALSMAN, who has been a medical practitioner in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, since 1904, is a native of the township where he now resides, having been born three miles west of Pleasantville, Indiana, December 3, 1866, a son of John A. and Mary E. (Long) Alsmen. The father was born June 26, 1835, in Haddon township, near Carlisle, and now resides three miles west of Pleasantville, on a farm consisting of seventy acres, where the doctor was born. The mother was born in November, 1839, in Anderson county, Kentucky, and is

still living. She is the daughter of William and Margaret (Jett) Long, both being natives of Virginia who emigrated to Kentucky before their marriage and who in 1854 came to Haddon township, Sullivan county, Indiana, but subsequently settled in Jefferson township where they spent the remainder of their days. Margaret (Jett) Long, was the daughter of Mathew and Susan (Tapp) Jett, who were both natives of Virginia, dying in Anderson county, Kentucky, where they were sturdy farmers. William Long was the son of William Long, Sr., who was also from the old Dominion State and died in Anderson county, Kentucky, about 1830; he was also a farmer.

John A. Alsman, the doctor's father, was the son of Harrison and Elizabeth (Davidson) Alsman. The former was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, and died in 1889, in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, while the latter was a native of Haddon township, Sullivan county, and died about 1840. Harrison Alsman emigrated from Kentucky about 1830 and followed farming pursuits throughout his days. John A. Alsman was also a farmer, and still superintends his farm. Politically, he is a Democrat, and both he and his faithful wife are members of the Christian church. They are the parents of six children, born in the order here named: Chester O., born in 1858, married Dorcas Cox and now resides in Jefferson township; William H., born 1861, died in 1873; Margaret E., born 1864, died in 1904; she was the wife of Lucian Shake who now lives in Haddon township, this county; Stonewall J.; Eva, born 1877, married Thomas M. Hudson and they reside in Greene county, Indiana; William D., born 1881, died in 1893.

Dr. Stonewall J. Alsman received his education at the common school in Jefferson township, after which he taught school sixteen years in country districts. Believing that he was suited for a better and more lucrative profession he went to St. Louis and there entered Barnes Medical University, from which he was graduated in 1904 and then came to Pleasantville, Indiana, in Sullivan county, where he has been engaged in the practice of medicine ever since. At one time the doctor owned a farm containing one hundred and ten acres in Jefferson township, but he has disposed of the same. Politically, he affiliates with the Democratic party and was elected assessor in 1896, serving until 1900. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church. He belongs to Lodge No. 408 Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Pleasantville, and also to the Modern Woodmen of America, Lodge No. 4929, at Pleasantville, being medical examiner of the last named fraternity as well as for several old line companies. He holds a membership with the County and State Medical associations.

June 4, 1891, Dr. Alsman was united in marriage to Clarissa Hume, born February 3, 1869, a daughter of John and Frances (Byland) Hume, of Jefferson township, Sullivan county, who are both deceased. The doctor and his wife are the parents of four children: Bynum B., born November 18, 1892, now attending high school at Pleasantville; Ruth, born March 29, 1896, attending common school; John D., born in 1898, died in 1899; Francis, born in 1900 and died the same year.

ELISHA C. SIMS, who is a truck farmer in Gill township, whose products find ready sale in the local markets of Sullivan county, is a native of Orange county, Indiana, born November 21, 1847, a son of Harvey and Hannah (Ashcraft) Sims. The parents were both natives of Ohio, the father born in 1818, and the mother, in 1820. At an early day the former located near Crawfordsville, but later went to Orange county, where he married and engaged in farming in that section of Indiana. He continued a tiller of the soil there until 1848, when he settled in Cass township, Sullivan county, and died on his homestead there in 1894, his wife having laid down life's burden in 1886, on the same farm. Their children were as follows: Eliza Jane, the wife of Philip Houck, a resident of Sullivan and retired soldier of the Civil war from Indiana; Rebecca Emily, the widow of Peter Walls and residing at Sullivan, her husband having been a maimed veteran of the Civil war; Elisha C., of this sketch; Nancy Ann, wife of Thomas Goodman, residing on a farm in Cass township; Elizabeth, wife of George Munroe, a mechanic who lives in Terre Haute; Louisiana, wife of Martin Goodman, a farmer and coal miner of Cass township; Mary, wife of Douglas Story, a farmer and miner of Cass township; Minerva, wife of William Stanley, a merchant of Cass township; and William, a merchant and farmer residing in Cass township.

Elisha C. Sims obtained his primary education at the district schools of Cass and Haddon townships, Sullivan county, and until he was sixteen years of age worked at home, but at that time engaged in lumbering and sawmill work, which he followed until he was married. He then rented a place in Haddon township and commenced farming on his own account. He lived on various places until 1877, when he moved to White county, Arkansas; remained one year there on a farm and then located in Jackson county, that state. While there he engaged in growing cotton, but not liking either the soil or the people of the south, he returned to Sullivan county, where he rented land for about ten years; then purchased the forty acres upon which he now resides. He paid ten dollars for this land which is today worth one hundred dollars per acre. There Mr. Sims cultivates melons, sweet potatoes and a variety of vegetables, which he sells at Sullivan and Indianapolis, and also pays some attention to stock raising. What he possesses he has accumulated by industry and intelligence, materially aided by the labors and good counsel of his ever faithful wife. Mr. Sims has been a life-long member of the Methodist church, for twenty years having served as a trustee and steward of the Ross church, Gill township. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Rebekahs.

As to Mr. Sims' domestic life, it may be stated he was married September 8, 1869, to Sarah A. Mason, born in Haddon township, Sullivan county, April 12, 1842, a daughter of James A. and Cynthia A. (St. Clair) Mason. The parents were both natives of Hamilton township, this county. The father there engaged in agricultural labor until shortly after marriage, when he removed to Haddon township and bought a farm of his own, dying thereon March 13, 1881, at the age of sixty-six

years. The mother died August 8, 1902, aged eighty-two years. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Sims are as follows: Wilfred Hershel, born September 18, 1870, who married Daisy Collins, the couple residing in Gill township, parents of Gerald Eugene; Eva J., born May 20, 1872, who is the wife of William Banther (a farmer of Haddon township), and the mother of Dollie, Carl, Agnes, Estella, Rhue, Helen (deceased), and Edgar; Rosa E., born February 4, 1875, wife of Augustus Arnette, of Haddon township, and mother of Verner, Harold, Raymond, Floyd, Bernice and Roger; Ora K. and Cora A. (twins) born June 28, 1877—Ora K. married Anna Nash, resides in Gill township and is the father of Paul Whitney, while Cora A. (unmarried) resides with her parents; Martin C. and Mary E. (twins) born March 15, 1881—Mary E. dying June 14, 1881, and Martin C. marrying Sarah Myers, of Gill township, at New Lebanon and becoming the father of three children, the first of whom died in infancy and the others are: Sederick and Dorothy, who are school teachers in Gill township.

Of the Mason family of which Mrs. Sims is a member, it should be said that it included ten children, as follows: One who died in infancy; Mary, who died aged about twenty-one years, as the wife of William Willis, who is also deceased; Sarah A. (Mrs. Sims); Eva Jane, who is the wife of John K. Pirtle (of Haddon township) and whose first husband was Frank Walters, whose son is the present sheriff of Sullivan county; Rose Ann, wife of Samuel Creager, a farmer of Cass township; John H., a farmer and miner of Cass township; Elizabeth, who died as the wife of John Goodman, a farmer of Cass township; Berthena, who first married Thomas Shares and after his death Henry Jones, a Grant county farmer; Isabelle, widow of George Boone, and a resident of Cass township; and James H., a farmer of Haddon township.

GEORGE MANWARRING HINKLE, the electrician, who, with his wife, is now operating the new McCammon Hotel of Sullivan, is a native of this county and has passed his entire life therein. He was born in Hymera and is a son of Nathan and Martha (Pitts) Hinkle, his parents being still alive. Mr. Hinkle was educated in the schools of Sullivan, and at the age of fourteen commenced real work by entering a general store conducted by his uncle, Robert Lynn, at Hymera. After clerking for ten years the young man took a short course at the Sullivan Normal School, and a season of travel and prospecting was followed by his location at Fairbanks, where he formed a partnership in general merchandise with Joseph Asbury, under the firm name of Asbury & Hinkle. Later, he was manager of several lines of business at Hymera, after which he made practical use of his knowledge of electricity, being employed in that field in Sullivan county and elsewhere. For several years past Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle have been operating the McCammon Hotel, which under their joint management is becoming a most popular hostelry. Mr. Hinkle is a Republican.

On the 28th of October, 1893, Mr. Hinkle was united in marriage with Miss Belle Simms, who was born in Merom, Sullivan county, and is a daughter of Burr and Arilla (Wallace) Simms. Her father died when she was only seven months old, but her mother is still living. Mrs. Hinkle was educated in the Sullivan High School and the State Normal, and taught school for sixteen years in Sullivan, Vigo, Lawrence and Montgomery counties, Indiana. She is a member of the Christian church and a lady of culture and strength of character.

JAMES S. STEELE.—Noteworthy among the well-known farmers of Cass township is James S. Steele, who displays much ability and skill in his agricultural work, his farm, which is pleasantly located in section 33, being in an excellent state of cultivation, with a substantial set of farm buildings. As a successful agriculturist, a trustworthy citizen and a man of integrity and good principles, he has the respect and esteem of his neighbors and friends, and is in every way a desirable member of the community in which he lives. A son of Samuel Steele, he was born December 19, 1853, in Dearborn county, Indiana. Born and reared in Dearborn county, Samuel Steele learned the trade of a blacksmith when young, and followed it for several years. Coming to Sullivan county in 1862, he located in what is now the village of Sullivan. It was then a small hamlet, giving but little evidence of its present populous and prosperous condition. Establishing a smithy, he continued at his trade for a number of seasons, building up a fine patronage in Sullivan and the surrounding country, and acquiring considerable property. On retiring from work at the forge and anvil he moved to his farm a short distance from the city, and there resided until his death two years later. He married Ann Jane Murdock, who was born in county Antrim, Ireland, January 20, 1832, and died March 11, 1909. They had twelve children, namely: Adaline, Ella, James and Hattie (twins), Alice, Frank and Cora (twins), Will and Everett (twins), Minerva and Viola (twins), and Ida.

The father of Mrs. Samuel Steele, George Murdock, was a son of William and Ann (McGookin) Murdock, and was born in Ireland of Scotch ancestors. William Murdock, accompanied by his family among whom was the son, George, came to America in 1844, being several weeks on the ocean. Coming to Indiana, he located in Dearborn county, going later to Missouri, where he spent his remaining years.

William H. Murdock, a brother of George Murdock, was born in Belfast, Ireland, April 3, 1834, and came to America in 1847, going to Sullivan county, Missouri, in 1861. He died at his home twelve miles northeast of Milan, Missouri, May 14, 1908, from what is termed heart failure, and was buried in the Thomas cemetery, a few miles east of Harris, that state, by the Masonic fraternity on May 15, 1908. His neighbors and his friends from all parts of the country gathered around his bier as it passed to the grave. Surviving him is his widow, Mrs.

Sarah E. Murdock, and his four children: Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Harris, Missouri; W. V. and J. M. Murdock, both of Milan, Missouri; and Mrs. J. M. W. Moberly, of Higgins, Texas. He also left numerous relatives in Sullivan county, Missouri, among whom may be named: W. L. Murdock, S. L. Murdock, Mrs. Jennie McNealy, wife of Recorder of Deeds E. S. McNealy, who are the children of George Murdock, a deceased brother. There also survive one brother, James Murdock, of Aurora, Indiana, and one sister, Mrs. James Boyland, of near Harris, Missouri. The parents of William H. Murdock were William and Anna Murdock (nee McGookin), who with their seven children came from Ireland in 1847. While crossing the ocean a little daughter died and was buried at sea, and near the end of the long voyage a son just grown to manhood died and was buried on the American seashore. The family journeyed westward and settled in Dearborn county, Indiana, where William H. grew to manhood and where he lived until he came to Missouri in 1861. On June 30, 1871, William H. Murdock was married to Sarah E. Watson, of near Harris, Missouri. Mr. Murdock began teaching school in Indiana when seventeen years of age and continued in this profession for twenty-five years and in all parts of the country may be found persons who were pupils of his.

Beginning as a boy to help his father in the blacksmith shop, James S. Steele remained beneath the parental roof until his marriage. With a natural desire then for a home of his own he rented land in Cass township, and with the exception of a short time spent in Jefferson township, has since lived there. In 1891 he bought his present property in section 33, and in its care and management has met with richly deserved success. His estate is advantageously located, and with the substantial improvements that he has placed upon it invariably elicits words of praise and commendation from the passers-by.

On October 9, 1879, Mr. Steele married Margaret Walters, who was born in Wright township, Greene county, Indiana, August 1, 1847, a daughter of John Walters. Her grandfather, Braxton Walters, emigrated from Tennessee to Indiana at an early period of its settlement, and for a while lived in Owen county. Coming from there to Sullivan county, he entered government land, and from that time until his death at the age of seventy-five years, was successfully employed in agricultural pursuits, becoming owner of much land in this county. His wife whose maiden name was Melinda Keene, died a short time before he did. John Walters, born in Tennessee, February 23, 1820, was young when he came with his parents to Indiana. For a few years he resided in Greene county, but after his marriage he took up government land in section 33, Cass township, and set up house-keeping in a hastily constructed cabin made of poles. He subsequently built a fine hewed log house, which the family occupied for a number of years. This was afterwards replaced by a commodious frame structure, in which he resided until his death, November 17, 1890. Jane Bledsoe, whom John Walters married, was born October 11, 1825, in Tennessee, a daughter of Isaac Bledsoe, who removed from that state to Wright township, Greene county, Indiana,

where he improved a good farm from the forest. He lived there until after the death of his wife, after which he made his home with his children during his remaining years. The maiden name of his wife was Margaret McBroon, and she was born in Tennessee of Scotch-Irish ancestors. Mrs. Jane (Bledsoe) Walters died July 17, 1892. She reared thirteen children as follows: Margaret, wife of James S. Steele; Sarah, William, Pleasant, John T., Mary L., Enoch, Braxton, Rachel, Daniel W., Isabelle, Andrew J., and Ida M.

Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Steele three children have been born, namely: James Edward, A. Everett, and Roy F. James Edward, engaged in farming in Turman township, married Maggie Saucerman and they have three children: Iva, Jesse and Utsel. A. Everett, who taught school successfully for six years, is now taking a course of study at the State Normal School. Roy F. has been a teacher for the past three years, and is quite well known for a young man in educational circles. Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Steele are members of the Presbyterian church.

JOHN E. DRIVER, a prosperous farmer of Jefferson township, this county, is proprietor of a fine farm of two hundred acres devoted to grain and stock raising. The family was established in the township in 1839 by his paternal grandparents and has always been representative of the most substantial and honorable agricultural element in Sullivan county. Its members have also invariably gained and retained the respect and confidence of their neighbors and more distant associates, been interested in the establishment of local order, justice and morality, and have often participated in township and county government. John E., of this sketch, is an earnest and prominent Democrat, and in 1908 received the nomination of his party for the commissionership.

Mr. Driver was born in the township in which he has ever resided, July 18, 1853, and is a son of James E. and Lavinia (Ozborn) Driver. His father is a native of Rush county, Indiana, born May 21, 1832, and the mother in Jefferson township, this county, January 19, 1834. They have been honored residents of Sullivan for a number of years past, having been cordially welcomed into the pioneer circle of the county. James E. Driver accompanied his parents from his birthplace in Indiana to their new farm in Jefferson township in 1839, the boy then being in his eighth year. Edmund Driver, his father, died about six years after the family moved into the county, being at his decease the owner of four hundred acres of land and a citizen of solid standing. The son afterward lived with his uncle John until he was seventeen years of age, then returned to his native place in Rush county, Indiana, and wedded one of his old-time playmates and companions. After his marriage he settled on his farm in Jefferson township upon which he resided and prospered until he retired to Sullivan in 1903. His good and loyal wife, who has borne him ten children, is a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Mozier) Ozborn, natives of North Carolina, who first migrated from

that state to Tennessee, and in 1828 fixed their residence in Sullivan county, where they died. The father was both a farmer and a wheelwright, and in the prosecution of these avocations lived at Carlisle and in Jefferson township. The ten children mentioned as having been born to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Driver were as follows: Elizabeth, a resident of Sullivan who married Anthony Robbins; John E., of this sketch; a child who died in infancy; Mary F., who is the wife of John A. Maxwell and resides near Canton, Mississippi; James A., a resident of Jefferson township who married Miss Ina Buck; William C., deceased; Ida, who died at the age of thirteen; Daniel and Anderson Ward Driver, both living in Jefferson township—the former married Laura Smith, and the latter married Anna L. Robbins; and Macey May, who is deceased.

John E. Driver obtained only an irregular schooling during the winter months, but became a thorough agriculturist, and after his marriage in 1875 began independent farming in Haddon township. After an experience of one year in that part of the county he returned to Jefferson township and was a renter until the spring of 1880, when he purchased a farm of sixty-one acres in Haddon township. He continued there until August, 1882, when he sold his place and bought eighty and a half acres where he now resides. Mr. Driver's present place contains two hundred acres, which he devotes to grain and stock raising and which is a skillfully managed, thoroughly improved, completely equipped and modern estate. While this fact gives him standing, he is besides, an intelligent, wide-awake citizen, who takes a constant interest in the public affairs of his township and does his full part in maintaining them on a high plane of efficiency and morality.

On February 11, 1875, Mr. Driver married Miss Hattie Herndon, who was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, December 17, 1853, and is a daughter of William and Susan A. (Heips) Herndon, both of whom are deceased. Her parents became residents of Sullivan county in 1865, and of Jefferson township in 1873. Mr. and Mrs. John E. Driver have had the misfortune to lose both their children—James Anderson Driver, who died at the age of three years; and an infant. Living offspring having been denied them, they have adopted two children to take the place of those who have left them—William C. and Carrie E., whose family name was Vauns.

JOHN E. TURMAN, of the firm of Turman & Riggs, implement and vehicle dealers at Sullivan, is a native of Turman township, Sullivan county, Indiana, born March 4, 1865, son of Return J. and Pauline (Wible) Turman. Mr. Turman's father, Return J., was the ninth child in his parents' family; was born July 6, 1837, and married Pauline A. Wible, April 3, 1864. Their first child was John Edward, whose brothers and sisters are: William Thomas, born June 19, 1867, now teaching; Ira L., born February 13, 1869; Walter R., born December 23, 1870; Flora L., born December 25, 1872; Frank W., born May 13, 1876.

died December 15, 1876; Dovie M., born February 18, 1878; Avarilla W., born June 1, 1880; Elmer C., born May 30, 1882, died June 10, 1882; Hattie A., born October 31, 1883; Ross Jason, born February 22, 1886; Hallie Caroline, born July 21, 1889. This family are noted for their musical ability, and its members have given amateur entertainments of remarkable excellence, in both vocal and instrumental music. The older members of the family finished their course of study at Merom College. The parents and several of the children were members of the New Light church. Mrs. Pauline A. Turman died February 2, 1890. The father has always followed farming for his occupation. Politically, he is a Democrat. The son, Ross J., occupies the old homestead.

The first born of Return J. and Pauline (Wible) Turman, John E. Turman, was reared midst rural scenes, attended the district schools and remained at home until June, 1902, when he went to Sullivan and engaged in the hardware business, under the firm name of Turman & Riggs, which relation existed for six months, when Mr. Mattix was admitted to the firm. This business was sold out, and Messrs. Turman and Riggs established their present implement and vehicle business, in which they have built up a first-class trade, and are known for the superior grade of goods handled.

Mr. Turman is a Democrat in his political affiliations; has served as assessor in Turman township. He is connected with, and takes much interest in the order of Odd Fellows. He is unmarried, and makes his home with his brother-in-law, Mr. Riggs, who is his business partner. Mr. Turman still retains his farming interest in Turman township.

WILLIAM G. RIGGS, of the firm of Turman & Riggs, dealers in implements and vehicles, at Sullivan, is a native of Sullivan county, Indiana, born September 24, 1873, son of Charles and Minerva A. (Griffin) Riggs. The father was born October 26, 1824, and died December 30, 1883. He was a native of Turman township as was his son. He resided in this township all of his life. The grandfather, Thomas Riggs, was a native of Virginia and first located in Turman township, Sullivan county, Indiana, where he entered a tract of government land and followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active years. Politically, he was a staunch Democrat of no uncertain political views.

Charles Riggs followed agriculture and was counted a very successful farmer. He owned two hundred and fifty acres of land and was a man of high intelligence and possessed great integrity. In his political views, he was a Democrat. His first wife, Mary Davis, was a member of the Christian church. To this worthy couple were born the following children: John T., residing in Dexter, Kansas; Jane, deceased; Lavina, deceased; and two children who died in infancy. For his second wife, Mr. Riggs married Minerva A. Griffin. She was born in Terre Haute, July 13, 1833, and died October 14, 1901. She received her education in the Catholic school of her native city. Her father, William Griffin,

was born in Ohio, as was also his good wife. By trade he was a harness maker, which trade he followed at Fairbanks, Indiana, having moved to that place from Terre Haute. Subsequently he removed to Sullivan and was elected county treasurer on the Democratic ticket, serving two terms, after which he engaged in the general merchandise business. He was also a heavy dealer in poultry, at Princeton, Indiana, but later retired to Sullivan where he died. The following children were born to the second union of Mr. Riggs: Mary F., wife of J. A. Mattix; Minnie, deceased; William G., of this sketch; a child who died in infancy; Henry A., deceased; and Henry E., a resident of Indianapolis.

William G. Riggs was reared on his father's farm and remained at home until he was about eighteen years of age, when he commenced farming on his own account on the old homestead, continuing there until 1899, when he went to Sullivan and was there employed as a clerk in a hardware store, belonging to J. A. Mattix, for about two years. At the end of this period, J. E. Turman and Mr. Riggs purchased the stock of hardware from Mr. Mattix, after which the business was operated under the firm name of Turman & Riggs for about six months, when Mr. Mattix was admitted to the firm and it was changed to Mattix, Turman & Riggs, which firm continued until the autumn of 1906, when the stock was sold. Turman & Riggs then established their present implement and vehicle business at Sullivan. Mr. Riggs still owns the old homestead consisting of one hundred and ninety acres situated in Turman township.

Politically, Mr. Riggs is a Democrat and does his share toward furthering the interests of his political party. Believing in the theory of fraternal and mutual life insurance, he holds a membership in the Modern Woodmen of America. He was united in marriage, January 10, 1900, to Dovic M. Turman, born in Turman township, Sullivan county, Indiana, February 18, 1878. Her education was obtained in her native county. She is the daughter of Return J. and Pauline (Wible) Turman, and a sister of her husband's partner, John E. Turman. In her church connection she is of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. By this union three children were born: Harold L., Gladys; and William Robert.

DAVID HILLA LOVELACE, the well known county commissioner of Sullivan county, residing at Sullivan, Indiana, was born April 19, 1853, in Cass township, Sullivan county, son of Charles W. and Sarah A. (McKinley) Lovelace. The father was born in Hamilton township, Sullivan county, in 1825, and died May, 1858. The mother, a native of the same township, was born December 14, 1824, and died in April, 1905. Charles W. Lovelace followed agriculture for his livelihood. In politics, he was a Democrat; both he and his wife were exemplary members of the Christian church. Their children were as follows: Sarah E., wife of Hiram Wiggs, residing in Carlisle, Indiana; David H., of this notice; Charles W., of Shelburn, Indiana.

David H. Lovelace was reared on his father's farm and attended the

district schools, which at that time were not up to the present day standard. His father died when he was but five years of age, and he was under the care of his step-father, James R. Land, with whom he lived until twenty-one years old. A few months after he had reached his majority, he commenced farming on a twenty-seven acre tract which he owned, the same being the place where his father died. He continued to farm that land until January 25, 1906, at which time he moved to Sullivan and built a fine, modern frame residence on North Section street, where he has resided since. He owns the old homestead, consisting of two hundred and seven acres, which place ranks among the best in Sullivan county. Politically, Mr. Lovelace affiliates with the Democratic party, and on that ticket was elected as county commissioner in 1906.

October 15, 1874, he was married to Malinda Alice Wilson, born in Haddon township, October 3, 1853, daughter of Townsley and Emeline (Martin) Wilson, natives of the same county. Mr. and Mrs. Lovelace are the parents of the following children: Bertha May, wife of William G. Ferree; Etta, unmarried, at home; Archie, married to Bessie Steward and they reside in Sullivan; Sadie, unmarried and at home; Ora: Archie attended college at Vincennes, and then taught school three years in the district schools of his home county. Etta graduated at Union Christian College at Merom and is now teaching music. Sadie has attended the State Normal and at Terre Haute and Merom. She is now teaching the graded school at Farmersburg, having been engaged in teaching for six years. Ora attended both State Normal schools and is now teaching in the Sullivan graded school; she has also taught six years. Their mother taught school one year before her marriage. The Lovelace family are members of the Christian church.

NANCY DRAKE HARRIS, the venerable pioneer mother so widely known and esteemed in Turman township and Sullivan county, has spent fifty-nine years of her useful life on the fine farm and homestead which is now conducted by her son, Martin Harris. She was born in Fairbanks township, this county, on the 15th of December, 1830, and is a daughter of James and Mary (Stone) (Pearson) Drake. Her father, who was born in 1778, first migrated alone from Ohio to Indiana, in 1800. Later, he returned for his family, which was among the first to settle in Fairbanks township. There James Drake died in 1863, the father of ten children by a first marriage, and six, by a second. The only survivor of the first union is Manning Drake, of Curry township, who is now one of the oldest residents of the county; he is the father of Manning E. Drake, whose sketch will be found elsewhere in this work. The living offspring of the second marriage are as follows: Nancy, of this biography; Martin, a resident of Fairbanks township, and Coleman Drake, of Vigo county.

Nancy Drake received her education in Fairbanks township and

lived at home until her marriage to William Harvey Harris, April 20, 1850. Her husband was also a native of that township, born in 1823, a son of Benjamin and Mary Harris. It is a somewhat singular fact of family history that the first wives of Benjamin Harris and James Drake were sisters and all located in Sullivan county about the same time. Promptly after his marriage to Miss Drake William H. Harris commenced farming on his place of two hundred acres in Turman township, about one mile southeast of Staffordshire, and there he died in 1870, an industrious, unassuming, moral man, and a faithful member of the Baptist church to the last. The six children of this marriage were as follows: Rebecca, Catherine and Columbus, all deceased; Mary, who is the wife of Charles Badger and resides in Fairbanks township; Simeon, deceased; and Martin, who now conducts the old homestead, both for his mother and himself.

Martin Harris, mentioned above, was born on the Turman township farm, of which he is now superintendent and part owner, on the 3rd of March, 1864. He obtained his education in the district schools of the township, and at the age of twenty-two began working for himself. With the exception of four years spent on a farm in Fairbanks township, he has spent his entire mature life in looking after the interests of the old homestead. He has devoted himself to the raising of stock and grain and has maintained the family reputation as a progressive agriculturist and a useful citizen. Mr. Harris is a widower, his wife, who was formerly known as Miss Rosella Fusson, living but a few years after her marriage in 1886. Mrs. Rosella Harris was born in August, 1868, near Newton, Illinois, died in 1892, and was the mother of three children, two of whom did not survive infancy, and Alma Florence died at the age of nine. Mr. Harris belongs to the Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Baptist church as was his wife. Politically, he is a Democrat.

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