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# PREFACE.



THE greatest of English historians, MACAULAY, and one of the most brilliant writers of the present century, has said: "The history of a country is best told in a record of the lives of its people." In conformity with this idea, the BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD has been prepared. Instead of going to musty records, and taking therefrom dry statistical matter that can be appreciated by but few, our corps of writers have gone to the people, the men and women who have, by their enterprise and industry, brought this county to a rank second to none among those comprising this great and noble State, and from their lips have the story of their life struggles. No more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public. In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy, have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk in life who have striven to succeed, and records how that success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of those, who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued the "even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them, as Christ said of the woman performing a deed of mercy—"They have done what they could." It tells how many, in the pride and strength of young manhood, left the plow and the anvil, the lawyer's office and the counting-room, left every trade and profession, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land. In the life of every man and of every woman is a lesson that should not be lost upon those who follow after.

Coming generations will appreciate this volume and preserve it as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public records, and which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written; and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of consequence. In addition to biographical sketches, portraits of a number of representative citizens are given.

The faces of some, and biographical sketches of many, will be missed in this volume. For this the publishers are not to blame. Not having a proper conception of the work, some refused to give the information necessary to compile a sketch, while others were indifferent. Occasionally some member of the family would oppose the enterprise, and on account of such opposition the support of the interested one would be withheld. In a few instances men never could be found, though repeated calls were made at their residence or place of business.

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H. H. HUNTER



# 'THE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD.

HON. HOCKING H. HUNTER.

A well known jurist of Illinois said: "In the American state the great and good lawyer must always be prominent, for he is one of the forces that move and control society. Public confidence has ever been reposed in the legal profession. It has ever been the defender of popular rights; the champion of freedom, regulated by law; the firm support of good government. In times of danger it has, like a rock, breasted the mad passions of the hour and finally resulted in quieting tumult and faction." No political preferment, no mere place can add to the power or increase the honor which belongs to the pure and educated lawyer. Hocking H. Hunter was one of the most distinguished attorneys that has ever practiced at the Ohio bar and his life record forms an important chapter in the annals of the state. He won marked distinction because of his unimpeachable character, his unusual intellectual endowments and his thorough understanding of jurisprudence.

Mr. Hunter was born in Lancaster, August 23, 1801. Only a few years had passed

since the foundation of the city was laid and through almost three-fourths of a century he continued to make his home here. His parents were Captain Joseph and Dorothy (Berkshire) Hunter, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Maryland. The Captain was in command of a company in the Revolutionary war and at its close he removed to Kentucky, whence in 1798 he came to Fairfield county, Ohio, being its first settler. Here he owned a large tract of land, living the life of a farmer, and now he sleeps in the old city cemetery at the corner of High and Chestnut streets, while his wife is also interred there. In their family were six children, but the only surviving one is Mrs. Sarah Cassel, who, at the age of ninety-two years, is still living in Lancaster.

Hocking H. Hunter, of this review, was the second in order of birth and was reared upon a farm, where he spent the days of his childhood and youth, assisting in the cultivation of the field and meadow. On the 30th of November, 1823, when a young



man, he chose as companion and helpmate for life's journey Miss Ann Matlack, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Lynch) Matlack, who came to Fairfield county about 1810.

The educational privileges which Mr. Hunter had received were very limited. He attended the country schools near his home for a short time, but not content with that he managed to become a student in the Lancaster Academy, being at first under the instruction of Professor Stephen Whittlesy, a graduate of Yale College, and afterwards under Professor John Whittlesy, a brother, of the same college. He began the study of law under the direction of Hon. William W. Irvin, formerly judge of the supreme court of the state of Ohio, and distinguished among his generation of lawyers practicing in the state. With him Mr. Hunter continued his reading until the spring of 1824, when he was admitted to the bar, and with remarkable constancy he devoted his energies to his professional duties to the exclusion of every other kind of employment or business activity. In 1825 he was appointed to the position of prosecuting attorney of Fairfield county and for six consecutive terms received the appointment, continuing in that position through 1831. Early in that year he became associated as a partner with the Hon. Thomas Ewing and when Mr. Ewing was serving in the United States senate Mr. Hunter had almost entire charge of their extensive and important practice. In 1863 he was prevailed upon to allow his name to be placed on the ticket as candidate for the office of judge of the supreme court

of Ohio, and was elected by the almost unprecedented majority of one hundred thousand. In time he was commissioned to the office, but becoming convinced that he could not discharge his judicial duties and at the same time look after the important litigated interests which had been entrusted to his care, he resigned his position before taking his place upon the bench. During the early years of his professional life, the legal bar of Lancaster numbered not a few of the men who have become distinguished throughout the nation as leaders of public thought and action. It was a severe task for a young man to enter upon a professional career here, yet he was destined to rise to an honorable and prominent position. He began the work for which the previous years of study had been a preparation, becoming a member of a bar where sham and reputation and empty pretenses were of no avail in the forensic contest. The young lawyer, in his contest with older and experienced men whose reputation and patronage were already assured, found it a hard school, but it afforded excellent training and as he measured his strength with the best his mind was developed, his intellectual forces were quickened and strengthened and he acquired a readiness in action, a fertility of resources and a courage under stress that were essential factors in his successful career. He became a well known practitioner before the supreme court of the state and of the circuit court of the United States at Cincinnati and was widely acknowledged to be one of the leaders of his profession in Ohio. He also practiced





before the United States supreme court in Washington, D. C. At the time of his death the bar of Lancaster—his native town—of which he had been a member for more than forty years, and the representatives of higher courts, met in their respective forums to pay tribute to the memory of one whose career had reflected honor and credit upon the judicial history of the state.

His wife outlived him a number of years, passing away in 1889. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church and was a woman of exceptionally beautiful character, loved by all who knew her. They were the parents of nine children, but only three are now living: Mrs. Cornyn, and

Mrs. Graffe, who reside at the corner of Chestnut and High streets, and Judge Edward F. Hunter, of Seattle, Washington. Another son, John A., had served as chief justice of Utah, but is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter lived together for forty-nine years and upon the 4th of February, 1872, were separated by death, the husband being called to his final rest. Faultless in honor, fearless in conduct, stainless in reputation, such was his life record. His scholarly attainments, his citizenship, his reliable judgment and his charming powers of conversation would have permitted him to ably fill and grace any position, however exalted, and he was no less honored in public than loved in private life.

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## JOHN T. BRASEE.

The life record of John Trafford Brasee covered almost eighty years. He was distinctively a self-made man, with no extraordinary family or pecuniary advantages to aid him at the outset of his career, with many difficulties and obstacles in his path that would have discouraged a man of less resolute spirit, he worked his way steadily upward, commanding not only success, but the honor and respect of all with whom he was associated. His early years were a period of arduous and unremitting toil but as the years progressed he won a place among the foremost members of the Ohio bar and

was at one time a leading member of the state senate.

Mr. Brasee was born in Hillsdale, Columbia county, New York, December 24, 1800, on a farm then owned by his grandfather. He was only seven years of age when his mother died. His father soon afterward met disaster in business and Mr. Brasee and his sister, Jane, went to live with their maternal grandfather, with whom they remained until the 19th of October, 1809. After the grandfather's death on that day, they continued on the old home until the spring of 1810, living



with their uncle, Benjamin Snyder. At that time, however, John T. Brasee was placed by his guardians in the service of John Lane, a man who had recently moved into the neighborhood. He received from Lane most inhuman treatment. He had to work very hard, was scantily supplied with clothing and was often sent to bed without his supper. He did not complain, however, for he did not know that he might have received different treatment under other care. After two years, however, his guardians took him away from the man Lane and placed him in the home of Isaac Foster, a blacksmith, whom he found to be a very humane man and in whose family he found a pleasant home. He assisted in the duties of the household and in the blacksmith shop. He became interested in the trade, found it congenial and often said that the ring of the anvil was music to him throughout his remaining life. When fifteen years of age he left Mr. Foster and entered the employ of Jonathan Turner, who was proprietor of a hotel and tannery at Hillsdale. There he performed manifold duties, acting as clerk, manager, hostler and barkeeper, and also engaged in breaking bark in the tannery. Frequently he was in charge of the entire establishment, which he managed most satisfactorily to his employer. His first independent venture was made in the spring of 1819 when he arranged with Zadock Newberry, of Hudson, to bake for him all the gingerbread that he could sell at the general muster to be held in the county, and from the transaction he netted twenty-five dollars, which was con-

sidered a large sum at that time. In the winter of 1817 he first attended school and there became a good penman and thoroughly mastered Daball's arithmetic so that never afterward did any arithmetical problem trouble him. In February, 1818, he located in Canandaigua, New York, and was employed in J. W. Beale's tin and leather store, having a pleasant home with his employer's family. In that year his attention was also directed to matters religious. The family with which he lived were Episcopalians, and he attended that church under the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Onderdonk, who afterward became a bishop of the church.

In July of the same year, Mr. Brasee determined to seek a home in Ohio thinking that upon the western border where there was less competition he would have better opportunities for advancement. Accordingly he made his way to Olean, New York, where he embarked on a small flat boat for Pittsburg. Journeying at that time was far different from the manner of travel at the present day. This was eight years earlier than D. Tallmadge undertook the same trip. He was accompanied by two others and when they came to the Alleghany river it was too low for any kind of navigation by the usual boats, and after waiting until patience became exhausted, they had a square boat built, upon which they placed their trunks and thus embarked for Pittsburg. At night they would haul up their little craft to a bend in the river, and picking up boards along the beach would use these for a bed with dry weeds



for a pillow. The banks of the river were a wilderness, containing many friendly Indians from whom they bought meat. Becoming wearied by this mode of travel, they afterward put their trunks on a family boat to be taken to Pittsburg and started on foot for that place, arriving at their destination in three days. Soon after the river arose so that navigation was possible and they took passage on a family boat bound for Cincinnati. Upon reaching the latter city, Mr. Brasee started on foot for Wilmington, Ohio, where he met his old teacher, Mr. Truesdell, and Jacob Bosworth, a friend whom he had formerly known in New York and who afterward became a leading and wealthy citizen of Wilmington. Seeking employment in that place he entered the service of Isaac Morris, clerk of the court, who gave him fifteen dollars per month during the six months in which he remained in his employ. It was there that he first met Judge Dunlevy and Thomas Corwin and was greatly charmed with the eloquence of the latter. It was largely this that induced him to become a law student and engage in practice at the bar. Realizing his need of education he went at once to the Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, walking all the way from Chillicothe, a distance of sixty miles. He arrived on the 5th of July, 1819, and at once entered upon a course of study that required seven years to complete. During the entire time he boarded with General John Brown and in order to meet the expenses of his education he worked in the clerk's office and taught school during the periods of college vacation. He possessed

determined purpose, strong resolution and energy and these qualities enabled him to overcome all the difficulties in his path and lay the foundation for a successful future as a member of one of the learned professions. In 1824 he served for six months as principal of the Lancaster Academy and for his services received two hundred dollars. Returning to Athens he took charge of the clerk's office as deputy and also entered the office of Joseph Dana as a law student. In the spring of 1826 he was admitted to the bar by Judges Hitchcock and Burnett, and immediately afterward located in Gallipolis. Those were the old days when lawyers traveled the circuit, making their way from place to place as court was in session in different towns. Mr. Brasee soon acquired a good clientele.

It was during the early years of his professional career that Mr. Brasee was married, in 1829, to Mary Jane Scofield, a daughter of Judge Scofield. Her only sister became the wife of James R. Stanbery in 1832. Her father, the Judge, found it very lonesome with his two daughters away from home and endeavored to induce Mr. Brasee to remove to Lancaster, saying that his home was large enough for two families. Two children had been born unto our subject and his wife—Ellen and John—and with their children they left Gallipolis in 1833 and took up their abode in the fine house of Judge Scofield, now used as the postoffice. A contemporary biographer, in speaking of Mr. Brasee's career from this date has said: "When he came to Lancaster in 1833, that beautiful little city was well known as a center of culture, and re-



finement above its fellows, but its great renown was the distinguished character of its bar, which then numbered among its members Ewing, Stanbery and Hunter, who were in the vigor of intellectual manhood, and were known far beyond the limits of the state as giants in their profession. But Mr. Brasee did not come among them without some prestige in his profession; for although admitted to the bar only in 1826 he had already appeared as counsel in the supreme court. He first appears in the Ohio Reports in the case of *Smith v. Bing*, 3 O., 33, which was decided in 1827, the year after his admission. And frequently thereafter his name occurs in the reports till he retired from the bar some twenty years ago, and some of the most important questions settled by that court were presented and discussed by him. In a case in which he was a party as well as counsel (*Brasee v. Lancaster Bank*, 14 O., 318), he argued with distinguished ability and success what is known among the lawyers of the state as the 'triangular question,' in the contest for priority of lien between a senior judgment without levy, an intervening mortgage and a junior judgment levied within the year, establishing the paramount lien of the elder judgment, although the statute declared that, as between it and the junior judgment, with levy, the latter should prevail. And this became and remains a leading case, followed in 16 O., 533 (*Halliday v. Mendenhall*), and numerous other cases.

"The Ohio bar, during the time of his active professional life, contained, besides those already named, a great many distinguished men, a few of whom it may be

well to mention: Vinton, Goddard, Irvin, Scott, Dunlevy, Este, Hayward, Hammond, Tappan, Odlin, Murphy, Bond, Douglas, Wilcox, Swan, King, Sloan, Wright, Nye, Grimke, Leonard, Sill, Silliman, Price, McDowell, Hamer, Corwin, Collins, Storer, Wade, Goodenow, Thompson, Fox and Worthington. Among these and others not so well known, but of equal ability, Mr. Brasee stood as a peer and a brother; and he was esteemed, not only as an able lawyer, but also as a highly cultured and agreeable gentleman. He was noted on the circuit for his apt and quaint anecdotes and other companionable qualities. Few of his compeers above named now remain, and none of them, it is believed are now engaged in the practice of their profession. The few who do remain will join heartily in doing honor to his memory.

"Without being an orator he was a very effective speaker, and was quite successful before juries. His arguments on the facts of a case were remarkable for their completeness in presenting the whole case, showing a mastery of the facts and an appreciation of the strong and weak points of each side, and ability to sift evidence and apply it to build up his theory as to the truth of the matter. He seldom resorted to sarcasm, but on occasion he could use it with startling effect. But his leading characteristic was his knowledge of the law in its most elementary principles. In special pleading and in equity pleading he was a master; and he was ready and proficient in all matters of evidence and practice, which made him formidable in the trial of cases. But his forte was in arguments to the court.





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His mind was at once acute and logical, and his industry was such that he was always found fully armed and ready for the fray whoever might be the champion of the other side. In these contests he won most of his laurels; and to the student of our judicial history these laurels will still look fresh and bright.

"Though decided in his political views, he could not be called a partisan, and he was never voluntarily a candidate for office. After the dissolution of the Whig party, of which he was a member, and before the formation of the Republican party, while the opposition to the Democratic party was in a transition and somewhat chaotic state, he was, in 1855, elected to the state senate, and he served during the two sessions of 1856 and 1857, and took an active and leading part in the legislation of those two sessions, and particularly in perfecting the act for the "Bank of Ohio," which, it is generally understood was the joint product himself and his associate, Alfred Kelly, senator from the Columbus district. The law was drafted with great care, and although it never went into practical effect in Ohio, it had the higher distinction of forming, with the law creating the State Bank of Ohio, the basis and prototype of the National Bank act, passed by Congress some seven years later."

After the removal to Lancaster, other children were added to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Brasee. Their daughter, Ellen, became the wife of T. W. Tallmadge. The other members of the family are Mary J., the wife of Dr. Hammill, of New York; Clara, the wife of Dr. J. H. Salisbury;

Alice, the wife of George Witte, of New Orleans; John S., an eminent member of the Lancaster bar; George B., a prosperous farmer; and Morton, who died in the year 1870.

Although Mr. Brasee met with distinction and success in his profession, he gradually gave up his law practice for he became extensively interested in farming and his attention was demanded in the supervision of his agricultural interests. He made judicious investments in farm property and at the time of his death, which occurred at his home in Lancaster on the 27th of October, 1880, he was the owner of about one thousand acres of the best land in Fairfield county. John T. Brasee was a gentleman in the highest sense of the word, polite and courteous to all. He was also of a genial, jovial nature, who enjoyed a good joke and was himself an excellent story teller. He took great pride in his personal appearance and was always well dressed; a man of his word, he was never known to break an engagement and his devotion to his clients' interests was proverbial. Late in life he became a communicant of St. John's Episcopal church, which was always the church of his choice and in harmony with its principles he lived a true, honorable life. There was a simplicity in his nature that made him very free from ostentation or display, yet there was a force of character that enabled him to overcome the difficulties that surrounded an almost friendless boy without education and without wealth. More than ordinary perseverance and energy were needed under such circumstances to acquire an academic



education and professional training, yet his marked energy and natural ability enabled him to advance to a position prominent among the leading members of Ohio's bar in the middle of the nineteenth century. It was the traveling preachers and lawyers of that day who scattered the seeds of educa-

tion and culture and laid the foundation for civilization. In this way did John T. Bracee accomplish, not only much for himself, but for the state with which he became connected in the early years of his manhood, and Ohio has reason to number him among her honored and distinguished men.

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### JACOB CLAYPOOL.

Among the energetic and progressive farmers living in Greenfield township is Jacob Claypool, who makes his home on section 34. He was born on section 21, in the same township, August 26, 1846, and is the oldest son of Isaac and Nancy (Mason) Claypool, who are represented on another page of this work. On the family homestead he was reared and the sun shone down on many a field which he plowed and planted in his youth. During the winter months he attended the district schools and afterward spent about fifteen months as a student in the schools of Pleasantville, thus largely supplementing his early educational privileges. He remained at home until his marriage, which important event occurred on the 7th of October, 1868, Miss Truphena Wiest becoming his wife. She was born in Greenfield township October 29, 1847, and is a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Miller) Wiest, who were early settlers of the county, coming from Maryland to this portion of Ohio in pioneer times. Mrs. Wiest

was a daughter of Frederick Miller and is still living, having passed the ninetieth milestone on the journey of life. She was twice married, her first husband having been Mr. Baugher, by whom she had one son and one daughter. Mr. Wiest was also twice married, his first union being with Miss Wildermath, by whom he had four daughters. By the marriage of the parents of Mrs. Claypool there were four children born, three daughters and a son, namely: Amanda, Truphena, Susan and Oliver J. Mrs. Claypool was educated in the common schools and in the Fairfield Academy at Pleasantville. She afterward successfully engaged in teaching for a number of years. In her home she was a devoted and loving wife and mother and her death, which occurred on the 11th of February, 1899, was deeply mourned by many of her friends as well as her immediate family. She left three children, Mary Estella, Maude and Florence, who are still with their father. The only son, Harry Wiest,





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had died in infancy. Florence married Lewis W. Marks on April 17, 1902.

After his marriage Mr. Claypool took up his abode in a log cabin, eighteen by twenty feet, which stood upon the farm on which he yet lives. In 1889 he erected his present modern and attractive residence at a cost of three thousand dollars. He has long successfully engaged in stock raising and dealing, and has cultivated the greater part of the farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres which he owns. His methods are progressive and modern and his efforts

bring to him annually good crops as well as good returns from his stock interests. He served for two terms as president of the Fairfield County Agricultural Society and did much to promote the farming interests of his community. He was also honored with the office of township trustee for nine years, being chosen to the position on the Republican ticket. He is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church and is a citizen of worth whose life is at all times honorable, upright and worthy of high regard.

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### GEORGE G. BECK.

George G. Beck was born in Lancaster, Ohio, January 30, 1816, on the spot of ground on which he resided to the close of his life and where his father's family had lived since 1810. He was a son of Jacob Beck, born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1777, while his mother, who bore the maiden name of Anna Goss, was a native of Basil, Switzerland, born in 1784. The parents were pious Christians and donated the lot on which the first Lutheran church was built in Lancaster, the ground now occupied by the A. Getz shoe factory. He was the youngest of four children: Jacob, born in 1804, and died in 1898; Anna, who was born in 1808 and passed away in 1890; Mary, whose birth occurred in 1812, and

who died in 1872; and George G., born in 1816, and died in 1885.

The early education of George G. Beck was effectually adapted to fit him for that eminent degree of usefulness for which his life was distinguished. His exalted religious character and his great worth as a wise and safe counsellor were known and recognized far beyond the limits of the community in which he resided. No trust was ever committed to him that he did not faithfully discharge. He was a staunch Lutheran, and the new St. Peter's Lutheran church, at the corner of Broad and Mulberry streets, stands as a monument to him and the members of the building committee, who not only contributed most liberally of their means but





zealously devoted their time and strength to its upbuilding. Mr. Beck learned the trade of a tanner but did not follow that vocation. In 1835 he entered the drug store of Bury & Dumont and learned the business. In 1840 he purchased the interest of Dumont and carried on the business on an extensive scale, wholesale and retail, in the building now owned by Beecher White, as partner with his brother-in-law, Joseph Bury. Mr. Bury died in 1846, when Mr. Beck became sole owner of the store, and later purchased the building of the heirs of Christian King. With only a short intermission in which he was connected with the Lancaster Starch Factory, as superintendent, he remained in the drug business to the close of his life—from 1835 until 1885,—first under the name of Bury & Beck, then George G. Beck, and finally as George G. Beck & Son. In 1859 he took charge of the drug store in the Frederick A. Shaffer building, corner of Main street and Fountain square, which property he purchased in 1881.

On the 17th of September, 1842, Mr. Beck was joined in wedlock to Maria Louise Wagenhals, the eldest daughter of Rev. John and Maria Barbara (Poorman) Wagenhals. Six children were born to them, as follows: Anna Mary; Maria Louise and Gertrude, who passed away prior to the father's death; and John W., B. Ellen and Julia E., together with his wife, survived him. B. Ellen passed away on December 16, 1890, after a long and painful illness, caused by injuries received in being thrown from a carriage. She met death with the

same quiet, Christian resignation with which she had met the issues of life.

John Wagenhals Beck, who was born January 28, 1845, and died September 20, 1900, was the only son of George G. and Maria Louise (Wagenhals) Beck. He was born on the old family homestead in Lancaster and when a boy entered his father's store. He continued at the same stand where he first entered upon his life work until the close of his life. He received his early education in the public schools and prepared himself for college in the private school of Dr. John Williams, the celebrated instructor and lexicographer. Later he entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated in pharmacy in 1868, after which he became a partner in his father's store under the name of George G. Beck & Son. He survived his father nearly sixteen years but never changed the name of the firm. On September 19, 1900, he was attacked with a violent hemorrhage of the stomach, from the effects of which he never rallied, and died at three o'clock A. M., the following day, September 20. Thus the names of George G. Beck & Son were stricken from the list of Lancaster's prominent and successful business men, after serving the public for more than sixty consecutive years. J. H. Moody & Company are successors to the business. John W. Beck was a member of the Lancaster Lodge of Elks and was elected as first treasurer of the order in this city. Like his father, he was a staunch Republican and was always loyal to his party.



Mrs. George G. Beck, *nee* Mar'a Louise Wagenhals, is a descendant of the Stantz, Hufford, Snyder and Poorman (formerly Purman) families, who settled in Dauphin and York counties, Pennsylvania, prior to 1744 and 1750. A number of these sturdy people took part in our nation's struggle for liberty in the Revolutionary war. Her maternal grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Snyder, was born June 4, 1775, near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and her maternal grandfather, Bernard Poorman, was born April 7, 1777, in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. Her grandparents, Mary E. Snyder and Bernard Poorman, were married near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in 1801. In 1808 they removed to Perry county, Ohio, near Somerset, and settled on the farm which was their home until death. Their second child was Maria Barbara, born May 25, 1803. In October, 1822, she was married to Rev. John Wagenhals, and on September 17, 1823, their eldest child, Maria Louise, was born in New Lisbon, Columbiana county, Ohio. In 1829 he received a call from St. Peter's Lutheran church of Lancaster, Ohio, where he labored until 1859, when he accepted a call from the church in Circleville, Ohio. In 1868, on account of throat trouble, he was compelled to retire from the active duties of the ministry. The mother died, March 2, 1827, leaving three small children: Maria Louise; Philip Melancthon and Elizabeth. Maria Louise was married on the 13th of September, 1842, to George J. Beck, of Lancaster, Ohio. The home he prepared for her as a

bride has been her place of residence ever since. Although seventy-eight years old at this writing, she is in possession of all her faculties. She lives with her only surviving child, Mrs. Julia Beck Froulet.

Rev. John Wagenhals, a son of Daniel and Louise (Hornung) Wagenhals, was born April 16, 1799, in Gueglingen, kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany. He attended the parochial school of his native city and received preparatory training in classical studies in the Latin school of the same place and afterward pursued his studies in the city of Stuttgart. In 1818 he emigrated to America, and landed in the city of Philadelphia, where he became acquainted with eminent ministers of the Lutheran church, who, in view of his literary attainments, induced him to devote himself to the service of the church. He continued his studies under the direction of several reputable clergymen of that early period and was licensed as a minister of the gospel September 12, 1821. On Trinity Sunday, in 1826, he was ordained at New Philadelphia, Ohio. His first pastoral charge consisted of a number of congregations in Columbiana, Carroll and adjoining counties, which he served with great self-denial and faithfulness. In 1829 he received a call from St. Peter's Lutheran church of Lancaster, Ohio, where he labored until 1859, when he accepted a call from the church in Circleville, Ohio. In 1868, on account of throat trouble, he was compelled to retire from the active duties of the ministry.

Rev. Wagenhals was one of the founders of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at



Columbus, Ohio, and was for many years a director and a most zealous supporter of the same. In his intercourse with men he was invariably courteous and candid, and was deservedly held in high esteem by all who knew him. As a preacher of the gospel he was eloquent, plain and instructive; as a pastor he was affectionate and sympathetic, and possessed the confidence, respect and esteem of his parishioners to an eminent degree. In 1870 he returned to Lancaster, where he spent the last years of his life. He died September 12, 1884, at the advanced age of eighty-five years, four months and twenty-six days.

Philip M. Wagenhals, a son of Rev. John Wagenhals and Maria Barbara (Poorman) Wagenhals, was born March 1, 1825, in Carroll county, Ohio. He received his early education in Lancaster, Ohio, and at the Greenfield Academy, which was conducted by Dr. John Williams. He read medicine under Dr. G. W. Boerstler, Sr., and later attended the University of Baltimore, in Baltimore, Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1846. On June 14, 1847, he was united in marriage to Susan E. Shaeffer, of Lancaster, Ohio, and located in Somerset, Perry county, Ohio, where he resided several years. He was a prominent and successful physician of this city from 1854 until 1874, when he removed with his family to Columbus, Ohio, where he died February 16, 1881. His wife and eight children survived him.

Julia A. Wagenhals, a daughter of Rev. J. and Margaret (Miller) Wagenhals, be-

came the wife of Rev. C. Albrecht, deceased, who for many years was pastor of the Lutheran church at Miamisburg, Ohio. She passed away on the 3d of March, 1893, being survived by her seven children.

Rev. Samuel Wagenhals, D. D., a son of Rev. J. and Catherine (Ludwig) Wagenhals, was born in Lancaster, Ohio, on the 17th of January, 1843. He received his early education in the public schools of his native town and also under the instruction of Dr. John Williams. He graduated from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, in 1862, and soon afterward enlisted in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry as a private. At the end of the Civil war he was mustered out as first lieutenant of Company B, and immediately entered the Theological Seminary, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1868. He is a prominent minister of the Lutheran church and is president of the board of directors of the Lutheran Seminary at Chicago, Illinois. He is still serving his first pastorate at Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he has resided since 1868.

Katherine Wagenhals, a daughter of Rev. J. and Catherine (Ludwig) Wagenhals, married Rev. George Harter, and they are living in Akron, Ohio.

Mary Wagenhals, the youngest daughter of Rev. J. and Catherine (Ludwig) Wagenhals, married David M. Emmitt, of Waverly, Ohio, where she is now living with her son, her husband having passed away in 1895.



## PETER HEWETSON, M. D.

Dr. Peter Hewetson is the oldest representative of the medical profession engaged in continuous practice in Fairfield county. He is now living in Amanda, where a large and lucrative practice is accorded him in recognition of the public faith in his skill and ability. The Doctor is a native of Scotland, his birth having there occurred in Wigtown, October 26, 1832, his parents being, Dr. Joseph and Isabella (Hanna) Hewetson, both of whom were natives of Scotland and came to the United States in 1833. The father read medicine and afterward graduated in the medical department of the Edinburg University of Scotland in 1827. For a time he practiced his profession in the land of the heather and then believing that he would have better business opportunities in America he made preparations for seeking a home in the new world, crossing the Atlantic. He spent six months as a practitioner in Pennsylvania and then took up his abode in Belmont county, Ohio, where he continued to practice until within a short time of his death, which occurred in 1855. His wife died in Belmont county in August, 1858. The paternal grandfather of our subject was John Hewetson, also a native of Scotland.

Dr. Peter Hewetson was accorded good educational privileges, attending the public and private schools. In 1851 he became a student of medicine, reading under the direction of his father and later entered the office of Dr. Henry West in St. Clairsville, Belmont county. His first course of lec-

tures was pursued in the Bellevue College of New York city, and later he matriculated in the Miami Medical College, of Cincinnati, in which he was graduated in 1853, upon the completion of his course. Then he began practice in Belmont county, Ohio, but in 1858 came to Amanda, where he has remained continuously to the present time. Here he has built up a large and successful practice, having the confidence not only of numerous patrons but of the medical profession of Fairfield county. Although many years have elapsed since he concluded his college work he has ever been a close, earnest and discriminating student and has kept in touch with the advanced thought and progress of the day along the line of his chosen vocation.

In 1867 the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Effie Dum, of Amanda, Ohio, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Anderson) Dum. Mrs. Hewetson was born in Pike county, this state and by her marriage has become the mother of five children: Minnie E.; Mary B.; Joseph E., who is engaged in the practice of medicine with his father; William L., who carries on agricultural pursuits; and Helen P.

The Doctor gives his political support to the Democracy. He was a loyal soldier of the Union at the time of the Civil war, serving for three years as assistant surgeon in the Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Many of the boys in blue have reason to remember him because of the aid that he ren-





dered to them in hours of distress and suffering. He belongs to the Clark County Medical Society, to the American Medical Association and to Amanda Lodge, No. 509, F. & A. M. Through his association with the first two he keeps informed concerning the progress being made in the med-

ical profession. He is a most affable gentleman, widely and favorably known and is held in high esteem by his many friends. He has a very wide acquaintance throughout the county and is the loved family physician in many a household.

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### JOHN D. MARTIN.

John D. Martin left an indelible impression on the public life of Fairfield county. No citizen in the community was ever more respected and no man ever more faithfully enjoyed the confidence of the people or more richly deserved the esteem in which he was held. In his lifetime the people of his district, recognizing his merit rejoiced in his advancements and the success to which he attained and since his death they have cherished his memory, which remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him. Honorable in business, loyal in citizenship, charitable in thought, kindly in action, true to every trust confided to his care, his life was the highest type of Christian manhood. Few men endear themselves to so great an extent to their business associates and to those with whom they come in contact in the discharge of public duties as did John D. Martin.

A native of Fairfield county he was born in Greencastle, January 7, 1819, and passed away on the 7th of December, 1898, when

almost eighty years of age. His early boyhood was a period of earnest and arduous toil but he developed thereby self reliance and various forces of character which proved strong elements in his success in later life. During his early boyhood he accompanied his parents in their removal to Baltimore, Fairfield county, and was there employed by the contractors on the Ohio Central canal to carry water to their workmen on the deep cut near Monticello. Here his commendable boyish qualities and faithfulness attracted the attention of Nathaniel R. Usher, who, as the canal neared completion, opened a store at the new town of Millersport and who offered the boy a position. Later Mr. Martin left the employ of Mr. Usher and entered the store of George B. Arnold of Utica, Licking county, Ohio, becoming a salesman. In the store was another clerk—a boy about his own age—W. S. Rosecrans, the future commander of the army of the Cumberland.

In the year 1836 John D. Martin arrived



in Lancaster and there more than half a century was a very important factor in business circles here, his history forming an integral part of the professional and commercial circles of Fairfield county. He first entered the store of Levi Anderson as a salesman and afterward was in the employ of John H. Tennant. In 1840 M. B. Browning became the successor of Mr. Tennant and a new firm was formed under the name of M. B. Browning & Company, his salesmen, Martin and Stambaugh, being the silent partners. Mr. Browning came to Lancaster from the east and for a time had the financial support of his uncles, one in Canton, Ohio, and two in New York, but he was an unsuccessful business man and in a year or two the new concern failed and Stambaugh and Martin found themselves involved and liable for Mr. Browning's debts. Mr. Stambaugh benefited by the bankrupt act and was released but Mr. Martin declined to do that and sent for Mr. Thayer, one of the creditors, a distinguished merchant of Philadelphia. Coming to Lancaster, the gentleman made a thorough examination of the affairs of the firm and effected a settlement, charging Mr. Martin with one-fourth of the indebtedness. Having no capital, our subject gave his note for the amount and after several years had passed was free from all financial obligations. In the meantime he had determined to enter the legal profession and he began the study of law under John T. Brasee, one of the most eminent lawyers at the bar of Fairfield county. Mr. Thayer had given Mr. Martin the books of the old concern to settle up and so well did he per-

form his duty that when admitted to the bar collections were entrusted to him from many of the leading business houses in Philadelphia, owing to the influence of Mr. Thayer. While a law student, Mr. Martin also acted as bookkeeper for Gilbert Devol for two years and to some extent he was interested in the tin business. For ten or twelve years after his admission to the bar he remained an active and prominent member of the profession. The zeal with which he devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his clients and an assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all the details of his cases, brought to him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct. His arguments elicited warm commendation not only from his associates at the bar, but also from the bench. He was a very able writer and his briefs always showed wide research, careful thought and the best and strongest reasons which could be urged for his contention, presented in cogent and logical form, and illustrated by a style unusually lucid and clear. He was employed upon many important cases with Brasee and Hunter as opposing counsels. In 1854, S. C. Stambaugh, his former associate, returned from California with some ready money and induced Mr. Martin to join him and P. B. Ewing in a banking enterprise. The Exchange Bank of Martin & Company was organized. The agreement with Mr. Martin was that he should spend one hour each day in the bank but he could not trust important matters for which he was responsible to others when he could attend to them himself and he found it necessary to spend his entire time

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in the bank so that he gave up his profession. This bank did a profitable business until the year 1864, when it was merged into the First National Bank of Lancaster, and with the new institution Mr. Martin was connected, being chosen president. For thirty-two years he was a very active factor in the financial circles of this city and handled millions of money without the loss of a dollar to any man. He not only succeeded in establishing one of the strongest financial institutions in this portion of the state, but through his capable business management won prosperity and in 1886 he sold his interests in the bank to the late S. J. Wright, retiring permanently from business.

A man of resourceful ability he looked beyond the conditions of the moment to the possibilities of the future and did not confine his efforts alone to one line. For many years he was a partner in a dry goods store; established and was connected with two or three enterprises of that character. He was also largely engaged in the milling business and speculated in coal lands and engaged in mining and shipping coal on an extensive scale. His connections with business interests of Lancaster covered a period of sixty years, years of toil and anxiety, prosperity and adversity, but though discouragements and obstacles were encountered, he pushed forward with resolute heart and strong will and eventually gained a place among the most successful men of his community. The most envious could not grudge him his prosperity, so honorably was it won and so worthily used. From penniless boyhood to an honorable old age, his career was ever worthy of commendation and furnishes

many examples for emulation. His sound business judgment was often sought and his advice was always faithfully given and was greatly appreciated by many men who acted upon it with profit. Senator Ewing had a high opinion of his ability and frequently sought his counsel.

In 1840 Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Mary Jane Herman, who died in 1870, leaving five children: Mrs. Clara McNeill, William L. and George E., who are residents of Lancaster; Edwin S., who is living in New Straitsville; and Charles B., who makes his home in Brice, Ohio. In 1872 Mr. Martin was again married, his second union being with Jane M. Becket, of Fairfield county, a lady of high scholarly attainments, being at one time principal of the Lancaster high school. She is still living, making her home in that city. Mr. Martin was a man of domestic tastes and found his greatest enjoyment at his own fireside in the midst of his family. The declining years of his life were spent in the quiet of his home where he took great pleasure in his books occasionally, however, taking summer trips to Middle Bass, Lake Erie, which outing he greatly enjoyed.

In his political affiliations Mr. Martin was a stalwart Republican, unwavering in his allegiance to his party and was recognized as one of its leaders in this part of Ohio. He gave his services freely and gratuitously to the cause of Republicanism and his efforts were potent for the party's success. He was an excellent speaker, strong and deep and convincing in his reasoning. He was a friend and associate of the great leaders of the Republican party



and his influence was strong with the successive administrations. He delivered many public addresses at the time when the country was involved in Civil war, when the boys in blue were upon the field of battle in the south. He was a very close friend of Secretary of State Sherman, who was born in Lancaster and during the stormy days previous to the resumption of specie payment, when Sherman was secretary of the treasury in the Hayes cabinet, John D. Martin was one of the closest advisers of the finance minister, and many of his suggestions were incorporated into law on the recommendation of Sherman. While an active factor in business and political circles Mr. Martin never neglected his duty to his fellow men and to his Creator. He regarded the former as a part of the latter, believing that Christianity largely constituted man's treatment of his fellow men. He was one of the original organizers and main supporters, financially and spiritually, of the present English Lutheran church of Lancaster, Ohio. Always ready to help the cause of Christ in any and every way he could and being a man of much more than ordinary mental capacity, he soon made himself felt in all departments of church work. He commenced life with nothing but honesty, industry and perseverance. But these he used to the best possible advantage, and soon became a power in the community, religiously, socially and financially. Churches, schools and colleges would come to him for aid and advice. He gave the first three thousand dollars toward the endowment of Wittenberg College; this he afterward supplemented by other donations, some of

which ranging as high as five thousand dollars. For years he paid a fourth of the pastor's salary and other things in proportion, in the church in which he worshipped. And so scrupulous was he in matters pertaining to the church and her institutions that in a time of financial crisis, when not having plenty of ready money, we would know him to pay the interest due on his college endowment notes and at the same time leaving his taxes go by default, preferring rather to pay the penalty on taxes rather than the institution should suffer. He was unostentatious. He never tried to make a show of his benevolence or religion. He tried to see the hand of God in all his dispensations, whether prosperous or adverse. At every point in his career Mr. Martin seemed to have realized the possibilities at that point. In boyhood he was surrounded by many discouraging circumstances but his strong purpose and indefatigable enterprise enabled him to lay the foundation to success. He possessed keen foresight and sound judgment and moreover his unfaltering honesty was one of the potent forces in his prosperity. He regarded political action not as a man's for personal advancement but performance of the duties of citizenship and the paying of the debt which he owed to his country. His church relations were largely ideal. His natural endowments were a quick and strong temper and a warm heart, a gentle manner and a quiet courtesy. To control the first and to make his life the flower and expression of the other traits was the task which nature had assigned him. We know nothing of the struggle but were daily witnesses of the





victory. Kindness was the motive of his life. He had a well spring of affection and a quick and generous sympathy, which increases by giving, and became richer by being a very spend-thrift. Like all who walk through life on a higher plain than the

great majority of his friends, his companionship was select rather than large but the many who looked up to and respected him realized as fully as did the few who were nearer him that a true man had fallen when death claimed him.

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### ADELBERT V. LERCH, M. D.

Among the citizens that Pennsylvania has furnished to Ohio is numbered Dr. Adelbert V. Lerch, who is now successfully practicing in Pleasantville. He is yet a young man but has already attained distinction that many an older physician might well envy. He was born in Walnut Grove, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, on the 2d of September, 1869. His father, Amos B., became one of the leading, influential and active citizens of Morrow county, his labors contributing in large measure to progress along many lines. He was born in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1843, and in early life followed merchandising and farming, the latter pursuit, however, being a side issue and consisting principally in trying to raise the best and largest of any crop in his vicinity, paying the expenses of this enterprise from his other revenues. He early received business training in his father's store. He was a graduate of a high school and commercial college and for some years he was upon the road as a traveling salesman, representing a Pittsburg house.

Subsequently he embarked in general merchandising on his own account at Ringgold, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, but the field of labor there was not broad enough for one of his energetic and enterprising nature and after a few years he sold his store and came to Ohio, thinking to find greater opportunities in the new west. He located at Steam Corners, Morrow county, Ohio, where he purchased a steam sawmill and lumber yard, making the lumber into all kinds of building material required in the locality. But to a man of his resourceful ability this did not offer opportunities enough for his activity and he purchased a farm, devoting his attention to manufacturing lumber and to agricultural pursuits. He became more and more attached to agricultural interests as the years passed by, the occupation proving one very congenial. Accordingly, his first farm of eighty acres was too small and he sold his farm, mills and lumber yard, removing to the eastern part of Morrow county, where he purchased a large tract of land to which he devoted his



energies and business talents. In a few years he had won the reputation as one of the most progressive, enterprising and prosperous farmers in that portion of the state. His capability attracted the attention of the infirmity directors, who induced him to accept the superintendency of the Morrow County Infirmity. He was a good book-keeper, was the secretary of the board and made out their reports to the county commissioners, and it is but just to say that from no department of the county government has there ever come a neater and more accurate report than that made by the infirmity directors while Mr. Lerch was their secretary. A local paper in speaking of the services that Mr. Lerch rendered as superintendent said: "The improvements on the infirmity farm, with all the aggregation of appliances for convenience and comfort known to modern science and mechanical skill, whereby the unfortunate poor and the helpless maniac might be better cared for; with fine gravel walks and driveways like those on the lands of a lord; with a thrifty young vineyard ready soon to bear its luscious clusters; with sloping front lawn toward sunset similar to those described in works of dreamy fiction; with an iron fence apparently as permanent as granite, all were added by way of permanent improvements to our county farm without extra levy for the infirmity fund. Into each and every one of these Superintendent Lerch put his thoughts and his energy. If any future inquisitor of the expenditures of the infirmity fund during Lerch's administration desires

to exercise his call, in showing how much less any subsequent administration of the infirmity has cost the county, he must not forget to credit these permanent improvements with their fair annual rental value." Along other lines, too, Mr. Lerch proved his deep interest in his county by promoting public progress. He was an active factor in educational circles and his efforts in this direction were instrumental in improving the schools and raising the standard of teaching.

About 1865 Amos B. Lerch was united in marriage to Laura C. McFarland, a native of Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of three children: J. H. C.; R. W. C., who was a practicing physician; and Adelbert V., of this review, but the last named is now the only one living.

Dr. Lerch, whose name introduces this record, pursued his early education in the public schools of Ohio, to which state he was brought by his parents during his early boyhood. When his literary course was completed he entered upon the study of medicine, having determined to engage in the practice as a life work. He matriculated in the Starling Medical College, of Columbus, and in 1892 was graduated in that institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Immediately afterward he came to Pleasantville, Fairfield county, where he has since built up a large practice, for he soon demonstrated his skill and ability and showed an accurate knowledge concerning the use of remedial agents. He closely studies and ponders all articles and



works of value to the medical profession and is thus constantly broadening his knowledge and promoting his efficiency.

In 1893 the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Eliza C. Chick, a daughter of William J. and Sarah P. Chick, her father having been a well known real estate dealer of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He belonged to an old time Virginia family of prominence and influence and was an only son and received excellent educational privileges, being a graduate of the University of Virginia and also of the Poughkeepsie Com-

mmercial College, of New York. For many years he was actively and extensively engaged in real estate dealing and negotiated many important realty transactions, this department of business activity claiming his attention until his death, which occurred in 1894. The marriage of the Doctor and his wife has been blessed with one child, William Carlton, who is a bright boy and is the life and light of the household. The Doctor and his wife have many warm friends in the community and enjoy the esteem of all who know them.

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### REV. R. H. GRIFFITH, M. A.

The Rev. R. H. Griffith, who devoted many years of his life to the active work of the ministry and who is now well known as a representative of real estate and other business interests in Fairfield county, was born in Marshall, Highland county, Ohio, on the 17th of October, 1849, his parents being W. H. and Margaret D. Griffith, both of whom are now deceased. His collegiate education was obtained in the Ohio Wesleyan University and some years afterward the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by the Taylor University. Determining to devote his life to the ministry, that he might aid in uplifting humanity, Mr. Griffith became identified with the Methodist Episcopal church in the Ohio annual conference in the year 1872. He was

then twenty-three years of age, and for a long period he was connected with the Ohio annual conference, but in January, 1895, he was transferred by Bishop J. M. Walden, D. D., LL. D., to the Des Moines annual conference, and stationed at Humeston, Iowa, serving as pastor of the church of that place for four years. He was then stationed by Bishop J. H. Vincent, D. D., LL. D., at Stuart, Iowa, but resigned his pastorate there about the middle of the second year because of his wife's health and also because financial interests in other sections of the country demanded his personal attention.

In the year 1873 Rev. Griffith was united in marriage to Miss Susan C. Southard, a daughter of Rev. J. W. and Mary J.



Southard, the Rev. H. B. Westerbelt, D. D., officiating. After ten years of married life, one Sunday in September, 1883, in Deavertown, Morgan county, Ohio, a daughter came to bless the union and to her they gave the name of Floy Inez.

Mr. Griffith is a senior partner of the firm of Griffith & McCurdy, owning a large general store in Bremen. He is also a member of the Bremen Lumber Company of the same place. Investigation into the history of the town would show that Mr. Griffith has had no little to do with the rapid and splendid growth of the beautiful village. He was instrumental in laying out what is known as the Griffith & McCurdy addition and in placing in this district a number of good homes. Though he has large business

interests in Bremen he maintains his old home in Basil, in the same county. His house, with its environments consisting of brick walks, broad and velvety lawns and ample shade and fruit trees makes a delightful home, and there Rev. Griffith and his wife spend many happy hours. He loves to contribute to the welfare of the Basil Methodist church, and says: "There are not many of us, but like every Methodist Episcopal church, we are here to stay." Although not now actively connected with the ministry, his interest in the welfare and progress of his church is no less deep and abiding, and his influence and labors are continuously given for the promotion and upbuilding of his denomination.

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### GEORGE W. BOERSTLER, M. D.

In the death of Dr. George W. Boerstler, Lancaster and Fairfield county lost one of her most prominent and highly respected citizens. As the day, with its morning of hope and promise; its noontide of activity, its evening of completed and successful efforts, ending with the grateful rest and quiet of the night, so was the life of this honored man. His career was a long, busy and useful one, and although he was earnest and active in business, he never allowed the pursuit of wealth to warp his kindly nature. Being to the end of his life a kindly, genial

friend, one whom it was a pleasure to know and meet under any circumstances. He attained the advanced age of seventy-seven years, retaining to the last those qualities of the mind and heart which had endeared him to everyone throughout his life.

Dr. Boerstler was born on the Atlantic ocean in 1792, at the time his people emigrated to America, and passed away at his home in Lancaster, Ohio, on the 10th of October, 1871. Excellent educational privileges were afforded him. It was the desire of his parents' hearts that he enter





the ministry of the Lutheran church and when his preparatory education was sufficient to enable him to take up study fitting him for the ministry, he did so, but his own choice of a profession was not that made for him by his parents, although it was one which is of the greatest benefit and importance to his fellow men,—that of the practice of medicine. His father was a physician of pronounced ability and the son became imbued with an irresistible desire to follow in his footsteps. At length, the obstacles being removed, he entered upon the study of medicine and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Medicine of the University of Maryland, in Baltimore, in 1820, when he received from Professor Potter the following commendatory certificate, which, coming from such a broadly known and eminent source, was to young Dr. Boerstler a credential letter, introducing him in flattering terms, to the confidence of the medical faculty anywhere in the United States or in Europe: "The bearer hereof, Dr. George W. Boerstler, has been duly examined by the professors of Maryland, and acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction in every department. No man ever left the faculty of Physic with more eclat. He carries with him as much knowledge as has ever fallen to the lot of any man since the establishment of the institution. His capacity is not excelled by any man, and his industry is equal to his capacity. His sterling integrity and moral worth will always recommend him to the consideration and patronage of the wise and virtuous, as soon as he becomes ac-

quainted with them.—Nathan Potter, M. D., Professor Theory and Practice of Medicine, University of Maryland, March 4, 1820."

The professional career of Dr. Boerstler was one of distinguished honor. A perfect master of the construction and functions of the component parts of the human body, of the changes induced in them by the onslaught of disease, of the defects caused upon them as a legacy of progenitors, of the vital capacity remaining in them throughout all the vicissitudes, Dr. Boerstler was well fitted for the practice in the profession in which he made steady advancement. He succeeded because he desired to succeed. He was great because nature had endowed him bountifully and he had studiously and carefully and conscientiously increased the talents that had been given him. Splendid success attended his efforts to relieve the ailments of suffering humanity and for many years he occupied a position of distinction as a leading member of the medical fraternity in this portion of Ohio. He was always a student, reading widely, thinking deeply, studying broadly.

The Doctor was married to Elizabeth Sinks, and removed from Hagerstown, Maryland, to Lancaster, Ohio, in 1833, accompanied by his wife, their daughter and his son-in-law, Dr. Tom O. Edwards, who was associated with him for many years in the duties of his profession. They had not long been established in Lancaster until a large practice was accorded them and the skill and ability which they manifested in solving the intricate problems of dis-



case, gained for them a constantly growing patronage. The Doctor had not long resided in his new home until he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died in 1838. Later he married Elizabeth Scuhr, who survived him for a number of years, but passed away in May, 1900.

Dr. Boerstler was a valued member of the Fairfield County Medical Society and also belonged to the Ohio State Medical Society, which he assisted in organizing and twice served as its president, and to the American Medical Association, joining the latter in 1850. A member of the profession who knew him intimately said of him:

"The medical reputation of Dr. Boerstler was built upon a foundation of solidity, and this grew up into vigor and public appreciation more and more with his advancing years. He was a medical student to the end of his life; kept uniform step with onward progress with his profession; was familiar with all its signalized specialties; was well posted in its scientific expositions; was cognizant of every public valuable curative discovery, and was therefore fully prepared for every existing emergency in his own immediate practice. His diagnosis of disease, in its subtle and more complicated forms, was always received by his professional brethren with confiding and commanding respect. As an experienced and learned consulting physician he acquired a wide reputation. To accomplish the greatest good in the practice of his profession was the passion of his life. No one ever sought his aid in vain, rich or poor, misery

in rags, or disease in tapestry; he went to all, to comfort all, and, if practicable, to relieve all. In whatever household he was summoned as a physician, he left it as a dear and confidential friend. In his intercourse with his medical brethren he was governed ever by the strictest formulas of honor; no one man understood more sensitively than himself the delicate obligations of his professional code of ethics, and no one was more courteous and punctilious in observing them."

Dr. Boerstler's activity continued up to the time of his death. No wearing illness wasted him and almost up to the moment when the final summons came, he was seen passing to and fro through the streets of Lancaster, greeted everywhere by friends who entertained for him the highest respect, regard and veneration. The same source from which we have already quoted, gives us the following: "On the day preceding his death, he appeared, to those who saw him, in his customary health; during the evening of that day he had a long and very pleasant intercourse with a friend from abroad, who communicated to him some very gratifying intelligence respecting an absent member of his family, long loved and very dear to him. With a father's full heart, he immediately prepared a long, consoling, paternal letter, which he intended to have copied early the next day, and dispatched as early as possible to this distant one. The ensuing morning found him up, happy with hope, and glowing with good intention; loving and loved, at peace with God, and in charity with man. While standing



before his glass to adjust some personal toilet requirement, the supernal mandate came to call him home; he sank suddenly into the arms of his wife and daughter, and, unruffled and painless, he passed gently and rapidly away."

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### GEORGE W. BOERSTLER, M. D.

The world instinctively pays deference to the man whose success has been worthily achieved, who has attained wealth by honorable business methods, acquired the high-reputation in his chosen calling by merit, and whose social prominence is not the less the result of an irreproachable life than of recognized natural gifts. Greater than in almost any line of work is the responsibility that rests upon the physician. The issues of life and death are in his hands. A false prescription, an unskilled operation may take from man that which he prizes above all else—life. The physician's power must be his own; not by purchase, by gift or by influence can he obtain it. He must commence at the very beginning, learn the very rudiments of medicine and surgery, continually add to his knowledge by close study and earnest application and gain reputation by merit. If he would gain the highest prominence it must come as the result of superior skill, knowledge and ability, and these qualifications are possessed in an eminent degree by Dr. Boerstler. He has attained marked distinction as a representative of the medical profession in Lancaster.

A native of this state, he was born on

the 24th of November, 1846, and is a son of Dr. George Washington Boerstler, whose sketch precedes this. In the public schools of Lancaster the Doctor acquired his elementary education and later attended the private school of Dr. John Williams. On putting aside his literary text books he began reading medicine in his father's office and was graduated in the medical department of Wooster College with the class of 1869. Very desirous of attaining a high degree of proficiency in his chosen calling, he took a post graduate course in New York and then returned to Lancaster, opening an office and entering upon the practice which has steadily increased in volume and importance. He has kept in touch with the most advanced thought of the times through the perusal of the leading medical works that have been written and through his membership in the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, where the interchange of thought and knowledge constantly broadens the minds of those who attend the convocations.

In 1872 Dr. Boerstler was united in marriage to Miss Sally Reeve Camp, of Lancaster. The lady, however, was born



in Sandusky, Ohio, and is a daughter of John G. Camp, a prominent resident of this city, and a granddaughter of one of the Revolutionary heroes, who served in the war for independence with the rank of major. Unto the Doctor and his wife was born a daughter, Elizabeth, who is now the wife of B. J. Swinnerton, of Stone, Staffordshire, England. The wife and mother died in 1886 and her death was mourned, not only by her immediate family, but by a large circle of warm friends who entertained for her the highest regard.

Fraternally the Doctor is connected with Lancaster Lodge, No. 27, F. & A. M., and also with the chapter and commandery of this city. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, earnest and unfaltering in his advocacy of the principles of the party. For several years he was a member of the

board of United States pension examiners and for four years was a member of the board of trustees of the asylum at Athens. He is a gentleman of broad culture, of genial disposition, and has a deep interest in his fellow men. Whatever tends to promote the interests of his profession and place before man the key to the mystery of that complex problem which we call life at once attracts the interest and co-operation of Dr. Boerstler. He is an extremely busy and successful practitioner. He is a man of the highest and purest character, an industrious and ambitious student, and a gifted teacher of surgery. Genial in disposition, unobtrusive and unassuming, he is patient under adverse criticism, and in his expressions concerning brother practitioners is friendly and indulgent.

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### SAMUEL S WEIST.

The name of Samuel S. Weist is indelibly engraved upon the pages of the history of Baltimore, Ohio, where he has served as mayor for eighteen years, while for a long period he was actively associated with its business interests and along all lines of progress he has borne his part. He is popular and honored and is respected by all who know him by reason of his genuine worth of character and value as a citizen.

Mr. Weist was born September 1, 1834,

and comes of a family of German lineage. The ancestry can be traced back to Jacob Weist, his great-great-grandfather, who was born in Germany and came to America in 1751, taking up his abode in Philadelphia, but the following year settled on a farm in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. In 1752 he paid the passage of a young German girl who came to this country in a sailing vessel and later he made her his wife. They had two children and became





the founders of the Weist family in America. Christian Weist, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a Revolutionary soldier who served with the rank of captain, and the sword which he carried during the war for independence is now a cherished heirloom in the possession of our subject. He passed his entire life in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he married Catherine Goskley, and they had six children. One of this family, Jacob Weist, became the grandfather of our subject. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, serving as a private. In 1820 he came to Fairfield county, Ohio, accompanied by his wife, Catherine Hostler, and in 1821 settled in the eastern part of Greenfield township, where he lived for more than a half century, passing away upon the old homestead there in 1872 at the very advanced age of eighty-nine years, his remains being interred near his old farm. He was the father of eleven children, ten of whom reached years of maturity, were married and had large families.

Benjamin Weist, the father of our subject, was the second in order of birth. He first opened his eyes to the light of day April 28, 1808, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was a youth of twelve years when brought to Fairfield county, Ohio, by his parents. He was reared upon the home farm and acquired a limited education, having little opportunity to attend school, for his services were needed in the work of the fields. While yet a boy he also began learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1850, when he purchased a part of his father's farm, upon which he lived until his

death. In 1830 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bowser and unto them were born eight children: Samuel S.; Jeremiah, who died in 1850; Mary, wife of Dr. B. K. Thomen, a resident of Baltimore, Ohio; Benjamin and Jefferson, who have passed away; Caroline, who became the wife of Daniel Fisher, but is now deceased, while her husband died in the army when serving as a member of Company I. Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the Civil war; Sarah P., deceased wife of Philip Hatter; Elizabeth, wife of M. M. Benjamin, a resident of Baltimore, Ohio; and Priscilla, wife of Charles Hedges, of Delaware, Ohio. The father of this family died on the 21st of January, 1893, and his wife passed away March 25, 1880, at the age of sixty-nine years, their remains being interred in Bethel cemetery, Greenfield township. She was a daughter of Jacob Bowser, who came to this country from Germany in 1818 and settled on a farm in Greenfield township adjoining that of Mr. Weist, where he lived until 1850. He died in that year while on a visit to his son in Fort Wayne, Indiana. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Snyder, passed away in 1825. Mr. and Mrs. Weist were members of the United Brethren church and took a very active part in its work. He served as captain of a company in the state militia and with his command was called out to salute the first canal boat that floated on the Ohio canal. He led a life of industry and some of the houses which he built in this county are still standing.

Samuel S. Weist of this review was born and reared upon his father's farm in Green-



field township, where he remained until he was nineteen years of age. In the meantime he had become conversant with the common branches of English learning taught in the district schools. The temple of learning in which he was a student was a log building and methods of instruction were almost as primitive as the school house. At the time he left home he began learning the carriage maker's trade, serving a two years' apprenticeship, after which he purchased a shop in Greenfield township, conducting it until 1863. The country was then involved in civil war. The question of slavery in the south had brought about a desire for secession in some of the southern states and the Union needed the aid of its loyal sons to preserve the country intact. Accordingly in January, 1863, Mr. Weist put aside his business cares and joined Company I, Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He participated in all the engagements with his regiment until the fall of Atlanta, when he was detailed and served at the headquarters of General Thomas, there continuing until the close of the war. For three months he was daily under fire and took part in some very important and sanguine engagements, but at length was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, on the 16th of July, 1865. Returning to his home he resumed carriage making in the spring of 1865 in Baltimore, Ohio, and followed that business continuously until 1895, when on account of his health he retired from business cares. He had received a liberal patronage on account

of his excellent workmanship and the durability of the products which he turned out, and as the years passed his financial resources were thereby increased.

On the 15th of December, 1859, Mr. Weist was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca A. Brandt, a native of Greenfield township, Fairfield county, and a daughter of Adam and Rebecca (Couper) Brandt. The first representative of the Brandt family in America was Ludwig Brandt, who crossed the Atlantic from his native country—Germany—in the year 1745 and took up his abode in Pennsylvania. The first of the name to seek a home in Fairfield county was also named Ludwig, and the year 1800 witnessed his arrival in Greenfield township. He was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Weist. The family has a record for patriotism and devotion to the old flag of which its members have every reason to be proud. Its history in this direction is certainly remarkable. In the war of the Revolution two brothers of the name joined the army, serving under General Washington. In the war of 1812 a number of the name served under Generals Harrison and Wayne, and in the third generation we find members of the family with Generals Taylor and Scott in the war with Mexico in 1846. From ten different northern states representatives of the family went to join the Federal army and took part in a large number of the most important battles of the long conflict. Again we find soldiers of the name of Brandt defending the stars and stripes in the Spanish-American war,



so that in every important war in the history of the country the family has been represented by loyal men, who have rendered valuable aid to the nation. In the Civil war six brothers of the name of Brandt and three of their brothers-in-law went from Fairfield county to the seat of war. The mother of Mrs. Weist bore the maiden name of Rebecca Ann Cooper. Her father was a slave owner in an early day, but believing that such a policy was wrong he emancipated his slaves and on this account so aroused the ire of his neighbors in Virginia that he was obliged to leave that state and accordingly with his family he came to Lancaster, Ohio, in 1806. Here he followed his trade, that of harness making. Adam Brandt and his wife, the parents of Mrs. Weist, had seventeen children, and six sons, as before stated, were loyal defenders of the Union cause in the Civil war, including Captain Brandt, of Carroll, Ohio, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Weist have been born two children: Eldon Orlando, born April 10, 1862, married Miss Loretta Littlejohn and is living in Baltimore, Ohio, where he is editor of the *Twin City News*, a paper of that place. Ara B. is the wife of Rev. Walter Kling, a Presbyterian minister now living in Canton, Ohio. They have one child, Ruth Pauline.

Mr. and Mrs. Weist hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which they are leading and active workers, and he takes a very active part in temperance work and while mayor of the city allows no saloons or liquor sold here. In 1893 he was

census enumerator. In 1881 he was elected mayor of Baltimore and has held the office altogether for eighteen years, filling the position at the present time. It is a record almost unparalleled in the history of the country and certainly no higher testimonial of his capability in office and his faithful discharge of duties could be given than the fact that he has so long been retained as the chief executive of the city. He is a charter member of *Cupp Post*, No. 263, G. A. R.; acted as its first commander and afterward served as adjutant until January, 1902, when he again became commander. He has three times served upon the staff of the state department commander. His wife is a leading and active member of the *Woman's Relief Corps*, in which she is serving as the president. In 1866 Mr. Weist became a member of the *Independent Order of Odd Fellows*, in which he has filled all the offices of the local lodge and has also been district deputy for several terms. He has served as recording steward in his church for the past ten years, has been a member of the school board for sixteen years and was serving in that capacity at the time the new school house was erected. Such in brief is the history of Samuel S. Weist. The record is one over which there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. Reliable in business, kindly and genial by nature, faithful in citizenship and trustworthy in friendship, it would be difficult to find one who is more widely or favorably known in this portion of the state than Samuel S. Weist.



## GEORGE W. LAMB.

One of the distinguished citizens of Fairfield county is the Hon. George W. Lamb, of Hooker, who has been called to aid in enacting the legislation of the state and who as a merchant has shown the possibilities of accomplishment which lie before the young men of the nation. Everywhere in our land are found men who have worked their own way from humble beginnings to leadership in the commerce, the great productive industries, the management of financial affairs, and in controlling the veins and arteries of the traffic and exchanges of our country. It is one of the glories of our nation, that it is so. It should be the strongest incentive and encouragement to the youth of the country that it is so.

Prominent among the self-made men of Fairfield county is the subject of this sketch—a man honored and respected wherever he is known, and most of all where he is best known. He was born in Bloom township, this county, December 24, 1845, and is a representative of a pioneer family here. His grandfather, Philip Lamb, was one of five brothers who came to this county about 1780, and he located in Bloom township, while the others settled in Pleasant township. All built log cabins, and cleared and developed farms in the midst of the forest. They were of German descent and manifested many of the sterling characteristics of the people of the fatherland. The grandfather of our subject was a native of Pennsylvania, while Peter Lamb, the father of our subject, was born at the old home farm

in Bloom township, and there spent his entire life, devoting his time and energies to agricultural pursuits. He was a Democrat in his political views, never failing to vote for the men and measures of the party. His death occurred when he was in his eighty-sixth year. His wife, Mrs. Catherine (Lane) Lamb, was a daughter of James Lane, who was of Welsh lineage and removed from the Keystone state to Fairfield county at an early epoch in its history. Mrs. Lamb was born in Amanda township, this county, and lived to the advanced age of eighty-eight years. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children, five sons and three daughters, all of whom reached adult age, while all are yet living with the exception of one brother, William.

George W. Lamb is the fourth child and third son. He was reared on the old home farm, where he remained until eighteen years of age, assisting in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting until the labors of the field were over, and then spending the winter months in the acquirement of an education in the district schools. He later went to the Fairfield Union Academy, where he spent two years. Subsequently he engaged in teaching school for a number of years and was elected principal of the Carroll school, filling that position for four years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to merchandising in Carroll, and after two years removed to Hooker, where he has since engaged in grain dealing and general merchandising,





covering a period of twenty-two years. He is the oldest merchant in the town in years of continuous connection with commercial pursuits, and the years have witnessed a successful career for his enterprise, sound business judgment and diligence have brought to him prosperity.

Mr. Lamb has been twice married. He first wedded Carrie Brown, in August, 1871. She died leaving two children—Edward Wort and Odessa, the latter the wife of James Brandt, a son of Captain O. B. Brandt, of Carroll, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in our work. For his second wife Mr. Lamb chose Carrie Peters, a daughter of Silas and Anna Peters. She was born in Greenfield township, Fairfield county, and is now the mother of three children: Leona, Catherine and Alberta, all of whom are at home.

In political affairs Mr. Lamb takes an active part and is an unfaltering advocate of the Democracy. Elected to the office of

treasurer of Greenfield township, he was continued in that position by re-election for five consecutive terms, and in 1872-3 he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature. In 1894 he was elected to the state senate and served so capably and with such loyal regard to the best interests of his constituents that he was re-elected in 1896. He has been postmaster and has also been railroad station agent at Hooker for about six years. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Naphthalia Lodge, No. 262, F. & A. M., of Carroll, and to the chapter of Lancaster. He is widely known as one of the leading business men of the county, the extent and scope of his grain trade and mercantile interests indicating his marked ability, enterprise and unfaltering resolution. In citizenship he is loyal and progressive and his life record well deserves a place on the pages of the history of his native county.

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## JACOB K. BECK.

Jacob K. Beck owns and operates one hundred and twenty-five acres of land in Fairfield county and is an energetic and progressive farmer, whose methods are in keeping with the most advanced thoughts and ideas concerning agriculture. He was born in the city of Lancaster, June 28, 1834, his parents being Jacob and Susan (Kerns) Beck. The father was a native of Baden Baden, Germany, and came to the United

States when about eight years of age with his parents, Jacob and Anna Beck. Both of the grandparents were natives of Germany and it was about 1805 that they bade adieu to the fatherland and sailed for the new world. After landing upon the American coast they made their way direct to Ohio, settling in Lancaster. The grandfather was a blacksmith and followed that business in the county seat of Fairfield



county throughout the remainder of his life, his expert workmanship and reliability in trade winning for him a comfortable competence. He died when about sixty-five years of age. In their family were four children, two sons and two daughters, but all are now deceased.

Jacob Beck, Jr., the father of our subject, was educated in Lancaster and under his father's direction learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for a number of years. He was also prominent in public affairs and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to public office. He presided as county treasurer from 1830 until 1836, and was a faithful custodian of the public exchequer. The trust reposed in him was never betrayed in the slightest degree and his word was a synonym of integrity. He was held in the highest esteem by his fellow men and often was called by them to settle estates, and was frequently appointed administrator or executor by the courts of the county, his honesty being proverbial. Over the record of his public career as well as his private life falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. About 1836 he removed from the city of Lancaster, taking up his abode upon a farm which he purchased in Hocking township, comprising three hundred acres of land. This he improved, making it his home until his death. His attention was devoted to the raising of cereals best adapted to this climate and also to the raising of stock, and in both branches of his business he met with creditable success, which he well deserved. It was on the 3d of December, 1898, that his life's labors were

ended in death, at the age of ninety-four years, five months and eight days. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church and for many years was one of its officers. His political support was given the Republican party, but he never sought or desired office, although he filled some positions. His wife passed away about eight years previous to the death of her husband. She was born in Pennsylvania and was also a member of the Lutheran church, living an earnest, Christian life, characterized by many acts of kindness. This worthy couple became the parents of five sons and three daughters, six of whom are yet living, namely: Mary Ann, wife of Z. Peters, of Hocking township; George W., who married Sarah McClarry and also resides in Hocking township; Jacob, our subject; H. S., who married Julia Wilson, now deceased, and is engaged in the banking business in Pierce, Nebraska; Rev. J. Beck, of Richmond, Indiana, who married Lizzie Ziegler, of Columbus, Ohio; and Dr. J. S., of Dayton, Ohio, who married Sally Work, of Lancaster. Those deceased are Elizabeth, who died in infancy; and Clara Jane, who married William J. Hughes and died February 5, 1894, at the age of thirty-eight years.

Our subject was only two years of age when his parents removed to the farm, but he acquired his education in the schools of Lancaster. He was early inured to the work of cultivating and improving the fields, and through the summer months largely assisted in the raising of the crops. After his marriage he continued to live upon the home farm for a short time and then



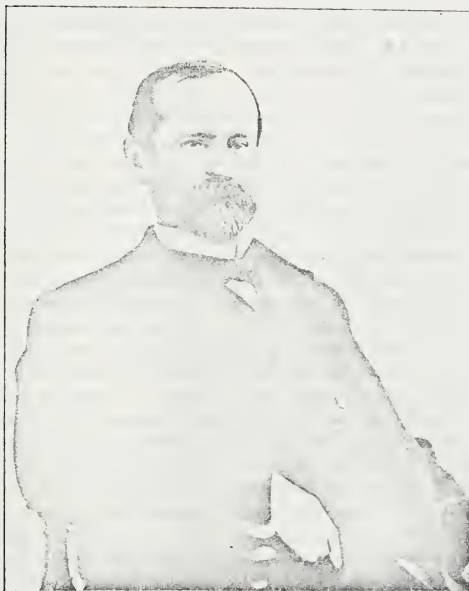
removed to the farm which his father had given him. He now owns and operates one hundred and twenty-five acres of rich land. It is a model property for he has made many improvements upon it, has modern machinery and all the equipments necessary to facilitate the work. Diligence and enterprise are numbered among his characteristics and have been the foundation of his success.

Mr. Beck was united in marriage in December, 1859, to Mary E. Wolf, a native of Fairfield county, and they became the parents of three children, but their first born, Carrie, died at the age of one year. Estella May is the wife of C. M. Crumley, an insurance agent of Lancaster, Ohio; and Alice May is the wife of W. L. Kiger, of Bluffton, Indiana. Her husband is a hardware merchant there, and they have one living son, Bruce. The mother of this family was called to her final rest in 1874 at the age of thirty-two years, dying upon the old home place. She was devoted to her family, doing everything in her power to enhance the happiness and comfort of her husband and children. For his second wife Mr. Beck chose Ruth Alice Shellenbarger, and their marriage was celebrated on the 23d of March, 1876. The lady is the daughter of Reuben Shellenbarger, a native of Fairfield county, born in Berne township. He,

too, was a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit throughout his entire life, his death occurring about twenty-four years ago upon his home farm in Berne township. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Christiana Pearce, was born in Rhode Island and her death occurred in 1861. By her marriage she became the mother of six children, five of whom are yet living, namely: Mrs. Ruth Beck; Mary A., the wife of Robert Pierce, of Lancaster; Christiana, the wife of John McClain, of Pleasant township; Delia, deceased wife of Myron Prindle; James, who resides with his sister, Mrs. Beck; and Emma, who died in infancy.

Mr. Beck exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and also belongs to the Lutheran church, in which he has served as trustee for eight years. He takes a deep and abiding interest in every movement and measure calculated to promote the material, intellectual, social and moral welfare of his community and his efforts in this regard have not been without effect. His entire life has been passed in the county of his nativity, and the fact that many who have known him from boyhood are numbered among his staunchest friends, is an indication that his career has ever been an honorable and straightforward one.





COL. HENRY B. REESE





## HENRY B. REESE.

For more than thirty years Henry B. Reese was in the employ of the government in the capacity of paymaster and over the record of his public career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. He was most prompt, reliable and faithful in the discharge of his duties and is a representative of a high type of American citizenship. He is now living retired in Lancaster, enjoying a well merited rest. He was born in this city, April 21, 1832, and is a representative of a prominent family of Fairfield county. William J. Reese, his father, was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 5th of August, 1804, and pursued his education in Washington, D. C., where he continued his studies for several years. In October, 1829, the Rev. John Wright performed the marriage ceremony which united the destinies of William J. Reese and Mary E. Sherman, a daughter of Judge Sherman and throughout the period of their married life they resided in Lancaster, where Mr. Reese had located in 1827. In his political views he was a Republican and was a man of wide influence. He possessed many sterling traits of character and was held in high esteem for his genuine worth. A leader of public thought and opinion his influence was felt in behalf of progress and improvement. He attained to the advanced age of eighty years, passing away in Lancaster in December, 1883. His wife, surviving him for several years, died on the 29th of August, 1900, in her eighty-eighth year. In their family were

five children: Henry B., of this review; Rosanna, who is now Mrs. Hoyt, of New York city; M. M., the wife of Joseph S. Reber, of St. Louis, Missouri; Mary H., the wife of M. N. Granger, of Zanesville, Ohio; and Julia L., of Chicago.

In the city of Lancaster Henry B. Reese acquired his early education and supplemented his primary training by study in the city of Philadelphia. At the end of that period he went to Mansfield, Ohio, where he entered the law office of Judge T. W. Bartley as a student, though his studies were terminated in the office of Charles and John Sherman. He then returned to Lancaster and was united in marriage to Ellen Kirk, a daughter of William Kirk, of Philadelphia. Taking up his abode in the city of his birth he entered the employ of the Hocking Valley Bank, but at the outbreak of the Civil war his patriotic spirit was aroused and he offered his services to his country and became a member of the First Ohio Infantry and was elected captain of the company and soon afterward was appointed by President Lincoln, major and paymaster for the three months troops of Ohio. On the expiration of that period he was appointed paymaster of the army and served in that capacity continuously from 1861 until July 5, 1888, covering twenty-seven consecutive years. During that time millions of dollars passed through his hands and every cent was faithfully accounted for. He is a man of unquestioned honesty, whose



word was as good as any bond solemnized by signature or seal. He regards a public office as a public trust and no trust ever reposed in him has been betrayed in the slightest degree.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Reese was blessed with five children, but they lost one in infancy. The others are William H., Hattie E., Mary E. and Helen C. The family has ever occupied a leading and enviable place in social circles, where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports in good society. In his fraternal relations Mr. Reese is a Knight Templar and in politics is a pronounced Republican, unswerving in his fidelity to the party and

active in his efforts to promote its growth and success. He resides at the old home of his father's on Wheeling street, and is one of the most respected residents of Lancaster. Mr. Reese is widely and favorably known throughout the state, his abilities well fitting him for leadership in political and social life. The terms progress and patriotism might be considered the keynote of his character, for throughout his career he has labored for the improvement of every line of business or public interest with which he has been associated, and at all times has been actuated by a fidelity to his country and her welfare.

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## PRESTON W. LUPHER.

Preston W. Lupher is the vice-president and general manager of the Logan Natural Gas & Fuel Company of Lancaster, Ohio. A native of Venango county, Pennsylvania, he was born in the year 1857. His father, Wesley Lupher, was also a native of the Keystone state and died when his son Preston was about three years old. The mother, Mrs. Margaret Lupher, was also a native of Pennsylvania and upon the death of her husband was left in moderate circumstances with the care of a little family. The subject of this review began his education in the common schools, where he remained until his thirteenth year and then started out to make his own way in the world. For

some time thereafter he was employed at various kinds of labor. In 1865, when the work of developing the oil fields of Pennsylvania was begun, he made his way to that locality, where he was employed for a time. He afterward began business on his own account in the oil regions in connection with other parties. In 1875 he became interested in a store there and later was known as an oil producer, being interested in wells in Clarion county, Pennsylvania.

In the year 1878, Mr. Lupher removed to Bradford, Pennsylvania, and in connection with his brother, C. A. Lupher, under the firm style of Lupher Brothers, operated in the oil regions in that locality until 1883,



when he disposed of his interests and went to North Dakota. There he purchased a tract of land and engaged in wheat raising for six years, on the expiration of which time he returned to the state of his nativity, establishing his home in Pittsburg, where he engaged in dealing in and handling petroleum. The year 1898 witnessed his arrival in Lancaster, where he has since made his home. Here he became associated with the Logan Natural Gas & Fuel Company and superintends its business, having control of its interests in sixteen towns and cities. Later he became vice-president and general manager and has since occupied the position, with headquarters in Lancaster. Few men are better qualified to discharge the duties of the office, for through it almost his entire life Mr. Lapher has been connected with the business of developing oil

wells and operating in this line of business activity. He has so directed his ability and efforts as to gain recognition as one of the representative citizens of Lancaster. His life has been one of untiring activity and has been crowned with a creditable degree of success.

In 1881 Mr. Lapher was united in marriage to Flora I. Remer, and as a result of the union one child, Morton S., was born. He resides with his father and is attending school. Socially Mr. Lapher is a prominent Mason, having taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and commandery, and also of the Mystic Shrine, being identified with all these bodies in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. In his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the fraternity and is known as a valued member of the craft.

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### SAMUEL P. COFMAN.

When the arrival of the white man led to the making of history in Ohio, but when the greater part of the state was still unimproved and progress and development was yet a thing of the future, the Cofman family was established in Fairfield county. The first of the name of whom we have record was David Cofman, who lived and died in Virginia. His son John was the great-grandfather of our subject. He became a

resident of Lancaster in 1809. There he followed the carpenter's trade, but in 1811 he removed to Bloom township and was one of the most prominent and influential men of that early day, being the advisor of the entire neighborhood. He was a hard-working, energetic man, possessed sound common sense, was reliable in all life's relations and trustworthy in friendship. In early life he had been a slave owner in Virginia, but



liberated his bondsmen and came to Ohio. His political support was given to the Whig party.

Samuel Coffman, the grandfather of our subject, was the only son of John Coffman, and he, too, was identified with the pioneer development of Fairfield county. He was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, and in 1809 became a resident of Lancaster, Ohio. He learned the carpenter's trade and in connection with his building interests also carried on agricultural pursuits. He likewise taught school and later was engaged in the nursery business. When a boy he had been bound out to a man by the name of Carpenter and under his direction had learned the carpenter's trade. He was very energetic and industrious and his knowledge of the building industry enabled him to bring his talents to advantage on his own account and keep everything about the place in excellent condition. He too voted the Whig ticket. In early manhood he wedded Mary Allen, who died in 1841 at the age of thirty-two years. Seven children were born unto them, but Henry Coffman, the father of our subject, is the only one now living. Samuel Coffman was commissioned second lieutenant in the Mexican war and was an excellent military officer. He was identified with the Methodist Episcopal church on the circuit of Lockville, Jefferson and Rock Mill, and afterward became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Carroll. In politics he took quite an active part as a supporter of the Republican party and was elected as township trustee for several years and as justice of the peace. He was born in 1811

and died in 1883, having spent the greater part of his life in Bloom township. In his boyhood he had been bound out to a man by the name of Lancaster. His father established the first nursery business in central Ohio, beginning operations along that line in 1844. He carried on the nursery business until 1873 and was then succeeded by Benjamin Coffman, a half brother of Henry Coffman, who, however, had been practically the manager since 1864. At the age of seventeen years Benjamin Coffman enlisted on the 15th of August, 1861, for a three years' service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company A, First Ohio Infantry. He participated in many important battles and at the expiration of his term of service received an honorable discharge, on the 15th of August, 1864, at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Although he was in so many engagements he was never wounded and always escaped capture. He then took up the nursery business in connection with his father, continuing it until the fall of 1874, when he purchased a farm and for some years was identified with agricultural pursuits in Bloom township. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was married December 31, 1860, to Rebecca H. Holderman, of Fairfield county, and to them were born three children: Arthur A., Ralph W., and Zadi Dee Blanche.

Henry Coffman, the father of our subject, was born in Jefferson, Bloom township, in 1832, and for many years was identified with merchandising, carrying on business in Carroll from 1860 until 1884, during which time he enjoyed a very extensive





patronage. On retiring from commercial pursuits he took up his abode in Bloom, his present farm in Bloom township adjoining the home of our subject. He was married on the 2d of August, 1857, to Miss Mary J. Lamb. Both were natives of this county and the marriage was here celebrated. They became the parents of nine children, six of whom are yet living: William R., Samuel P., George, John, Kate and Cora. Those who have passed away are as follows: Laura, the wife of John C. Fellows; Noah; and Rachel.

Mr. Coiman attended the public schools and was reared upon the home farm of his father in Bloom township. It was there that his birth occurred on the 19th of October, 1862. At the usual age he entered school, continuing his studies until he had gained a good knowledge of the branches of English learning, and upon his father's farm he received ample training in the work of field and meadow, this however, equipping him for the duties of farm life. On the 23d of March 1884, Mr. Coiman was united in marriage to Miss Chloe M. Zaayer, a daughter of William and Isabella Zaayer, of Bloom township. Her father

was a leading farmer of this county. The family is of German descent and Mr. Zaayer possesses many of the sterling characteristics of his German ancestry. He is still living in Bloom township, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. His wife died at the age of seventy years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Coiman have been born seven children: Dora E., Nellie B., Frank M., Mary L., Clara S. and Ruthie Fay, all of whom are at home, and Helen M., who died at the age of one year and six months, October 16, 1900.

Mr. Coiman located upon his present farm in the spring of 1887. Here he has one hundred and eighteen acres of good land, upon which is a new residence, also barns and substantial outbuildings. He has placed three hundred and fifty rods of tiling on his land and planted an orchard containing five hundred fruit trees. Everything about the place is neat and thrifty in appearance, indicating the careful supervision of the owner. He is most energetic and progressive in his work, is thoroughly familiar with the most modern methods of farming and is quick to utilize any new idea advanced that will prove of practical value.

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## VALENTINE HOOKER.

Germany has furnished to the United States many bright, enterprising young men who have left the fatherland to enter the business circles of this country with its more

progressive methods, livelier competition and advancement more quickly secured. Among the number is Valentine Hooker. He has somewhat of the strong, rugged and perse-



vering characteristics developed by his earlier environments, which, coupled with the livelier impulses of the Teutonic blood of his ancestors, made him at an early day seek wider field in which to give full scope to his ambition and industry—his dominant qualities. He found the opportunities he sought in the freedom and appreciation of this country. Though born across the water he is thoroughly American in thought and feeling, and is patriotic and sincere in his love for the stars and stripes. His career is identified with the history of Fairfield county, where he has acquired a competence and where he is an honored and respected citizen.

Mr. Hooker is a native of Baden, Germany, his birth having occurred near Heidelberg on the 18th of December, 1842. His parents were George and Anna Mary (Zenrick) Hooker. The father was also a native of the locality in which our subject was born and for many years engaged in business as a brewer and distiller, spending his entire life in his native country. In the family were six children, of whom five are yet living, and all of this number came to America with the exception of one—Catherine, who resides in Germany. Elizabeth is the widow of John W. Baus. Charles is a resident of Lancaster. Christina is the wife of Philip Muler, of New York city. George, who was a resident of Lancaster, died in 1895.

In accordance with the laws of the fatherland, Valentine Hooker attended the public schools, and on putting aside his textbooks, he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a stone cutter. Hearing favorable re-

ports of the business opportunities of the United States he determined to seek a home beyond the Atlantic and after arriving in New York city made his way direct to Lancaster, Ohio. Here he engaged in stone cutting, in building and contracting, working mostly in free stone. He has constructed many of the foundations of the business blocks, dwellings, churches and factories of Lancaster and his efficiency in the line of his chosen vocation secures to him a liberal patronage. He continued an active factor in that department of industry until 1884 when he was appointed superintendent of the Forest Rose cemetery and was made secretary of the board, which responsible position he still fills. His efficient service has been the means of continuing him in office through the various administrations. The company has provided him with a comfortable and well equipped office in which he transacts his business. He has made the city of the dead most beautiful, its appearance indicating his care and close attention.

In 1865 Mr. Hooker was united in marriage to Miss Nettie J. Murray, of Lancaster, a daughter of George W. and Mary Murray. Mrs. Hooker and her parents were natives of Fairfield county, her grandparents having removed to Ohio from New York. The marriage of our subject and his wife has been blessed with three children: Nettie C., Katie E., who is the wife of Marion Hankison, of Lancaster, and has three children: Nettie C., William J. and Margaret; and William M., who is a carpenter in the building business in Lancaster. Mr. Hooker and his family are worthy members of St. Peter's Evangelical church,



taking very active and beneficial interest in its work. For a quarter of a century Mr. Hooker has been superintendent of the Sunday school and he is fraternally connected with Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 48, K. of P. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the op-

portunities he sought, which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man, and making the best of these he has steadily worked his way upward. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of the people of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the best citizens of Fairfield county.

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### SAMUEL C. BLACK.

Among the worthy residents of Fairfield county who claim the Emerald Isle as the land of their birth is Samuel C. Black, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Berne township. He was born in Ireland on the 4th of December, 1820. His father, William Black, was also a native of that country, born in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and in the schools of Ireland he acquired his education, but his privileges were limited owing to the primitive conditions which then existed in school work. After putting aside his text-books he served an apprenticeship at the weaver's trade, learning the methods of manufacturing fine Irish linen. He followed that pursuit, together with farming until 1837, when believing that he would have better business opportunities in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, accompanied by his wife and three sons and a daughter. Here he joined his father, who had emigrated years before, coming in 1790. Mr.

Black had been married to Miss Jane McCloy, a native of Ireland, and they became the parents of four children. Robert, the eldest, is living three miles east of Bremen. Mary became the wife of John S. Martin, of Hocking county, and has eight children: George, William, Albert, Frank, Jennie, Emma, Matilda and Margaret. Samuel C. is the subject of this review. James, a resident of Missouri, completes the family. In his political views the father of this family was a staunch Democrat from the time he became a naturalized citizen until 1861. In that year he joined the ranks of the Republican party and remained one of its stalwart supporters until his death. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church.

In the schools of Ireland Samuel C. Black obtained his early education which he continued in the new world. The family settled on the county line of Fairfield county. After laying aside his text-books he gave his entire attention to the work of the



home farm, a tract of one hundred and twenty acres of land. He was thus employed until 1858 when he removed to Kansas and purchased a farm which he owned and operated for seventeen years. He then sold that property and returned to Fairfield county, where he has since remained. His purpose in removing to the west was to assist in making Kansas a free state and he put forth every effort in that direction. He served as a member of the Kansas legislature in 1862 and was a most prominent and influential citizen of his district.

In 1855 occurred the marriage of Samuel C. Black and Miss Mary Jane Stuart, a native of Rush Creek township, Fairfield county, and unto them were born six children: (1) Emma is now the wife of Frank B. Houser, of Lancaster, Ohio, and they have seven children, Stanley, Earl, Leila, Jennie, Edith, Cecil and Abbie. (2) Ida is deceased. (3) Isabelle is the wife of H. M. Shelhamer, of Bremen. (4) Robert, also

a resident of Bremen, married Alice Lutz, and they have one child, Dorothy. (5) Mary has passed away. (6) George, now living in Chicago, Illinois, married Ella Cannon, and they have the following children: George, Howard, Lawrence and Marcella. After the death of his first wife Mr. Black was again married in 1874, his second union being with Mrs. Catherine Beery, a native of Berne township. Both he and his wife attend the Presbyterian church of Lancaster.

Mr. Black is a stalwart advocate of Republican principles, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. In a summary of his career we note that the salient features of his life record are enterprise, industry and unflinching devotion to whatever he believes to be right. His diligence and capable management have been the means of bringing to him a fair degree of success and he is now accounted one of the leading agriculturists of this county.

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## THOMAS H. DOLSON.

Perhaps the most distinguished criminal lawyer of this part of Ohio is Thomas H. Dolson, of Lancaster, whose reputation is not limited by the confines of this state but extends into other states where his services have been sought. In the profession of law one must depend entirely upon individual merit for advancement, strong mentality,

close application, ambition and determined purpose are the concomitants of success at the bar and when prestige has been won it is unmistakable evidence of the possession of these qualities. Conferring honor and dignity upon the profession which has honored him, his course has ever been such as upholds the majesty of the law and his his-







THOMAS H. DOLSON



tory therefore should form no unimportant chapter in the judicial annals of this district.

Mr. Dolson is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in McCounselsville, Morgan county, on the 22nd of November, 1851, his parents being Ebenezer B. and Hulda (Stevenson) Dolson, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Virginia. His ancestry, both direct and collateral for many generations has been distinctively American, and in the civil and military history of the country the name of Dolson figures conspicuously. In every war in which the country has been engaged representatives of the name have battled for the rights and liberties of the nation and the great-great-grandfather of our subject was one of the heroes of the Revolution who fought under the command of General Washington from 1776 until 1783. The grandfather of Mr. Dolson served in the Mexican war, and as quartermaster of the First Ohio Heavy Artillery his father, Ebenezer B. Dolson, rendered his country effective aid from 1862 until 1865. At an early day in the history of New York the Dolsons resided in that state and it was the grandfather of our subject who founded the family in Ohio, establishing his home in Muskingum county in the early part of the nineteenth century. He purchased large tracts of land in Muskingum county and in that portion of the state which afterward became Perry county, and took a prominent part in developing the industries of that portion of the state leading to its substantial development and improvement. Eben-

zer Dolson was born and reared in this state, early becoming familiar with the work that falls to the lot of the agriculturist, and after attaining his majority began farming on his own account. For many years he engaged in the tilling of the soil and in raising stock in Morgan county, Ohio, and is now living in Kansas.

The early boyhood days of Thomas H. Dolson were spent in a manner not unlike that of most boys of the period. The public schools of Morgan county afforded him his early educational privileges and later he took a course in the high school in Logan, Ohio, where he was graduated with the class of 1868. Immediately afterward he entered upon his business career in the capacity of bookkeeper in the mercantile establishment of his brother-in-law, H. S. Berry, at Cameron, Missouri, where he remained for two years. In 1870 he returned to Ohio and wishing to enter professional life became a law student in the office of Judge Martin, of Lancaster, who directed his reading for two years. Successfully passing an examination before the supreme court, in December, 1873, he was admitted to the bar and at once established an office in Lancaster. Nature bountifully endowed him with the peculiar qualifications that combine to make a successful lawyer. Patiently persevering, possessed of an analytical mind, and one that is readily receptive and retentive of the fundamental principles and intricacies of the law; gifted with a spirit of devotion to wearisome details; quick to comprehend the most subtle problems and logical in his conclusions; fear-



less in the advocacy of any cause he may espouse, and the soul of honor and integrity, few men have been more richly gifted for the achievement of success in the arduous and difficult profession of the law. In 1875 he formed a partnership with Levi Hite, a prominent attorney of the Fairfield county bar, and this relation was maintained until Mr. Hite's removal to Columbus in 1887. Since that time Mr. Dolson has been alone in practice. He served for four years as prosecuting attorney of Fairfield county, from 1876 until 1880, and then retired, but his successor died shortly after entering upon the duties of the office and Mr. Dolson was then appointed to fill the unexpired term, so that he served for nearly two years longer. His course was one deserving and winning high commendation, for neither fear nor favor caused him to swerve from the strict path of duty. His ability as a trial lawyer led to the winning of many of the suits which he tried in the courts. During his twenty-three years' practice at the bar of this and other states Mr. Dolson has built up a very fine law business that covers a wide scope of territory. In the local courts his practice is general, but in the surrounding counties and other states it is exclusively criminal, mostly for the defense. Perhaps Mr. Dolson has been engaged in a greater number of criminal cases than any other lawyer of his age in the state of Ohio. Among the notable cases which have attracted general attention, in which he appeared for the defense as the leading advocate, was that of the state of Montana versus \_\_\_\_\_, the defendant hav-

ing been charged with murder in the first degree, but he was acquitted by the jury. Another was in the state of Illinois versus David Miller, charged with the murder of A. B. Diamon, the mayor of Arcola, whom he shot and killed because of some family trouble. This case was prosecuted with vigor by the state and Mr. Dolson had to combat the ablest lawyers of central Illinois, among whom was the Hon. Horace S. Clark, a man of high reputation as a criminal lawyer. After a trial of several days' duration Miller was acquitted. He has also appeared in defense of men charged with high crimes in the states of Indiana and California and always with success. Mr. Dolson has appeared on one side or the other of every important criminal case tried in Fairfield county during the past fifteen years and in many of those in adjoining counties. In the case of the state of Ohio versus Napier, charged with murder, Mr. Dolson was appointed by the late Judge Hoffman, of Perry county, to assist in the prosecution. The defendant was convicted. In his professional career Mr. Dolson has been most successful not only in gaining verdicts desired, but also from a financial standpoint as well, and has been enabled to surround his family with the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In 1876 Mr. Dolson was united in marriage to Miss Alida Reinmund, a daughter of B. F. and Isabelle (Arnold) Reinmund, of Fairfield county, and a sister of Henry J. Reinmund, insurance commissioner under Governor Hoadley. Mr. and Mrs. Dolson have four children, two sons and two



daughters. The family attend the English Lutheran church, of which Mr. Dolson is a member. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat. He was nominated by his party for the state senate to represent the ninth and fourteenth senatorial districts, but was defeated with the remainder of the ticket. Perhaps the best summary of his life can be given in the words of an old and prominent member of the Lancaster bar, who said: "While Mr. Dolson does a general law business in the local courts, his practice runs largely to criminal cases, and in this peculiar line he has quite a wide reputation. He is adapted by nature for this kind of work. He is shrewd, quick to see the weak points of his opponents and aggressive in availing himself of every advantage presented in the trial of a case. He has a good voice, an extensive vocabulary, and on his feet before the jury he makes an effective address. He is the best talker, perhaps, at this bar, but not the best read lawyer. If his early education had been commensurate

with his natural abilities as a lawyer his advancement would have been more rapid. He came to the bar here early in the 'seventies, and has improved his opportunities so well that he now ranks with the leading attorneys of the district. His reputation as a criminal lawyer is well established in this section of the state, and he has been called to widely diverging points to defend Ohio citizens charged with the violation of the criminal codes of different states. He has been remarkably successful and has crossed swords with some able men in this line of practice. Another feature that has contributed to his success is that he has confined himself entirely to his profession and is a worker. He has not neglected his law practice for politics or any other business. He gives his clients his best efforts and is a trustworthy and reliable lawyer. He is held in high esteem both by the legal profession and in the community, and by the public where he is known."

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## ENOCH BRIGHT.

When travel by team and wagon, on horseback or by means of the waterways of the country—long before the era of railroads—the Bright family was established in Fairfield county. The paternal grandparents of our subject were John and Anna Maria (Leiss) Bright, and the former was

a son of David Bright, who was born in the year 1710. He entered land from the government in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and the property is still in the possession of his descendants. He lived and died in Berks county, followed the occupation of farming throughout the years of his active business





career. He was the father of eight children, including John Bright, the grandfather of our subject. The latter came to Fairfield county in the early years of the nineteenth century. Much of the land was still in possession of the government and he entered a claim on sections 29 and 30 in Liberty township, after which he returned to Pennsylvania, where he died. He had a son, David, who, coming to Fairfield county, Ohio, spent his last days in Greenfield township.

John Bright, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, on the 9th of January, 1787. Somewhere between 1808 and 1812 he came to Ohio, settling upon the land which had been purchased by his father. He made a journey on horseback over roads that were scarcely more than Indian trails in places. After a time he returned to Pennsylvania, where he was married, bringing his wife with him to his new home upon the western frontier. They took up their abode in Liberty township, spending the remainder of their days within its borders, honored and respected pioneer people, actively connected with farming interests of Ohio. John Bright, the father of our subject, was drafted for service in the war of 1812, but furnished a substitute, feeling that his first duty was to his family and that he must prepare for their comfort and welfare before aught else. He built a gristmill and also a sawmill upon his farm upon the banks of the Poplar creek. He cleared many acres of land, placed splendid improvements upon his property and developed one of the best farms in the township. As his capital in-

creased he added to his property until at the time of his death, which occurred in the year 1853, he was the owner of seventeen hundred acres of land, nearly all of which lay in Fairfield county. He deserved great credit for what he accomplished, owing his prosperity entirely to his well directed and indefatigable efforts. He was united in marriage to Hannah Clauer, who proved to him a faithful companion and helpmate for a number of years, but was then called to her final rest, leaving four children, who reached years of maturity, although all are now deceased. These were Mary, who became the wife of John Swartz; Hester, the wife of Alexander Miller; Susanna, the wife of Daniel Langwell; and Peter. After the death of his first wife John Bright was again married, his second union being with Elizabeth Myers, and unto them were born three children, the eldest being Enoch, of this review. The others are Hannah, the widow of Henry Langwell, and John, who resides in Baltimore, Ohio. The parents were members of the Evangelical church, were deeply interested in its work and contributed in no small measure to the growth and upbuilding of the church. Oftentimes camp meetings were held upon their farm and Mr. Bright was one of the most liberal contributors to the cause of Christianity in this locality. His political support was given to the Democracy, and though his business affairs made heavy demands upon his time, he always found opportunity to faithfully discharge his duties of citizenship and co-operate in all movements for the general good.

Enoch Bright, who is an honored repre-



representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of the county, was born in Liberty township upon a farm which he yet owns, January 3, 1830. He is now living retired, however, and his home is in Baltimore. He pursued his education in one of the old time log school houses commonly seen upon the frontier, but his advantages in that direction were somewhat meager, for at an early age he found it necessary to assist his father in the work of the home farm and in the operation of the saw and grist mills. He early learned the value of industry, enterprise and economy in the active affairs of life and the lessons gained in early youth proved of value to him as the years passed. He remained at home until twenty years of age, at which time he was given two hundred and fourteen acres of land by his father and began farming on his own account.

As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Mr. Bright chose Miss Louisa Yager, the marriage being celebrated July 25, 1852, when he was twenty-two years of age. She is a native of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, and during her early girlhood she was brought to Fairfield county by her parents. The young couple began their domestic life upon the farm which had been given them and as time passed the land was cultivated and improved and placed under a high state of cultivation. There the family lived for nearly half a century, but in the spring of 1902 removed to Baltimore, where Mr. Bright now makes his home in the enjoyment of a well earned rest, the fruits of his former toil supplying him with all the necessities and many of the comforts and luxuries of life. He was a

very industrious and energetic agriculturist and his farm in its neat and thrifty appearance always indicated his careful supervision. He erected there a nice home, good barns and outbuildings and everything about the place was kept in excellent condition.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bright was blessed with eleven children, eight of whom reached years of maturity: Mahala is the wife of David Alt, of Baltimore, and they have two children, Maude and Burl; Ida is the wife of A. Hansberger, by whom she has two children, Dolly and Beulah; Tillman G., who resides upon his father's farm and is married and has four children, Maude, Nolla, Floyd and Julia; Mildred E. resides in Union county, Ohio; Elmer is a resident of Lancaster; Harley H. is living in Liberty township on the old homestead; Dolly is at home with her father; Minnie is the wife of Elmer Bailey and they have two children, Mary and Martha.

Mr. and Mrs. Bright were members of the United Evangelical church for many years, and Mrs. Bright died in that faith on the 17th of February, 1901, her remains being interred in the old family burying ground near her husband's farm. Mr. Bright has ever been faithful as a citizen and loyal to the best interests of the county, state and nation, manifesting his fidelity to his country during the time of the Civil war, enlisting in May, 1864, as a member of the One Hundred and Sixtieth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, being mustered in at Zanesville. After the expiration of his three months' term he was mustered out at the same place September 7. He is now a



member of Cupp Post, G. A. R., of Baltimore. While his life has been quietly passed, unmarked by many events of exciting interest, he has always been found as one of who has due regard for the obligations of citizenship and to the duty which he owes to

his fellow men. During his long residence in Fairfield county, covering the period of his entire life, he has continually added to the circle of his friends by reason of his sterling worth.

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### WILLIAM J. REESE.

William J. Reese was a prominent factor in the history of Lancaster for many years. Here he practiced law, was connected with merchandising and journalistic interests, and contributed largely to the general welfare by his co-operation in many movements for the general good. He promoted public progress along many lines and his efforts in behalf of the city made his history an important chapter in the annals of this section of the state.

William J. Reese was born on the 3d of August, 1804, in the city of Philadelphia, and there he acquired a liberal education. Wishing to make the practice of law his life work, he studied and was eventually admitted to the bar. The year 1827 witnessed his arrival in Lancaster. At that time a year's residence was demanded before one could enter upon active practice here and when the requisite period had elapsed, Mr. Reese opened an office and began practice. He was a cultured, refined and brilliant young attorney, with a mind alert and active, quick in perception, logical in thought

and sound in reasoning. He had soon demonstrated his ability to handle the intricate problems of jurisprudence and successfully cope with the elder and more experienced members of the bar, and in a short time he had a large and growing clientage, but his efforts were not confined to one department of business activity. In 1829 he joined Samuel F. Maccracken in establishing a dry goods store in Newark. This store was placed in charge of Daniel Duncan, who had been one of Mr. Maccracken's clerks, and to him, in 1832, Mr. Reese sold his interest in the business. In the same year he purchased an interest in the Lancaster Gazette, in partnership with Charles Borland, but when a year had passed he decided that he did not care for journalistic work and disposed of his share in the paper to Colonel P. Van Trump. Merchandising was to him more congenial and in 1832 he purchased the interest of Henry Matthews and Joe Buttles in the dry goods stock of Henry Matthews & Company, of which firm Thomas Reel was a member, and the



business was then continued under the firm name of Thomas Reed & Company until March, 1838, when General Reese disposed of his interest to Messrs. Culbertson and Nye. On the 13th of November, 1838, David Rokohl purchased a third interest and the firm then became Culbertson, Nye & Rokohl. In the year 1843 General Reese removed to Philadelphia, where, in connection with John Heylin, he opened a jobbing house, but after a few years it was found that the enterprise was unprofitable. His health also failed him and he returned to Lancaster, where he lived in retirement until his death.

Mr. Reese was united in marriage to the eldest daughter of Judge Charles R. Sherman and in the days of his prosperity he erected one of the finest and most commodious homes in Lancaster. He was also a prominent and influential citizen here and his efforts in behalf of the public good were widely recognized as most beneficial and ac-

ceptable. He was the captain of a fine military company at one time and was serving as brigadier general of the Ohio State Militia at the time he removed to Philadelphia. For several years he was secretary of the board of fund commission for the state of Ohio and his official service was characterized by the utmost fidelity. He was an enthusiastic Mason and the author of the present ritual. He succeeded Judge Sherman as master of the Masonic lodge in Lancaster and his prominence in Masonic circles is indicated by the fact that for eight years he was the grand master of the grand lodge of Ohio. A charter member of St. John's Episcopal church, he was zealous and enthusiastic in its behalf and his influence in that direction was of no restricted order. He aided in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present social, moral, intellectual and material benefit of Lancaster and well does he deserve to be numbered among its honored pioneer settlers.

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## WILLIAM HUFFORD.

The name of Hufford has been closely interwoven with the history of Fairfield county. Throughout the nineteenth century its representatives lived in this portion of the state and our subject is now actively carrying on farm work and bearing his part in the task of improvement and progress, which was begun so many years ago

by his ancestors. His great-grandfather, Casper Hufford, was of German descent and in 1801 came to Ohio, settling on Raceoon creek. He afterward removed farther up the creek, where he owned land, reclaiming the wild land for purposes of civilization. He died in November, 1825, and was buried upon his farm. He had married Miss Stah-





ley, who was of German descent and died in 1840, her death also occurring upon the old family homestead, at which time she was laid to rest by the side of her husband.

Their son, Solomon Hufford, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, June 16, 1786, and when his parents removed to Ohio he accompanied them. Some time later he entered from the government land which is now owned by Emanuel Hufford, and there he developed an excellent farm, making it his home up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1876, when he was in his ninety-first year. He married Miss Rebecca Hendrick, who was of German lineage and was born on February 17, 1789, at Morrison's Cove, Pennsylvania. At a very early age she came to Ohio with her father who entered land on Jonathan's creek in Perry county, where he built one of the first flouring mills in the state and there he spent his remaining days and was actively connected with early industrial interests. Mrs. Hufford, the grandmother of our subject, departed this life in 1861 in the seventy-second year of her age. By her marriage she had become the mother of ten children.

Elias Hufford, the father of our subject, was born August 17, 1818, about one mile from the home of William Hufford. He acquired his early education in an old-time log school house and was familiar with all the hardships and labors of pioneer life and with the primitive methods of doing work. He had to cut wheat with a scythe and tramp it out in the barn with horses. He went to school about five or six weeks each year for the remainder of the year he was busy with

the work of the fields. He had to tramp and clean whole crops of wheat in this way. Quite early in life he began farming on his own account his father deeding him eighty acres of land. Also turning his attention to the nursery business he engaged in raising trees. He was very successful in his undertakings and became well-to-do. Upon his farm he built a two-story frame residence and made many other improvements, equipping his place with all modern accessories. In the year 1841 he was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Stoneburner, a native of Perry county, Ohio, and they became the parents of fifteen children. Those still living are as follows: Philip, a resident of Indiana; Emanuel, who is living in Rush Creek township, Fairfield county; Susanne, the wife of George Ruff, of Bremen, Ohio; William, who is living in Rush Creek township; Noah, a resident of Kansas, his home being in Thayer, that state; Mary, the wife of Bartlett Friesner, of Bremen, Ohio; Sarah, the wife of William Turner, also of Bremen; Maggie, the wife of George Balling, of Bremen; Elias J., who is living in Portland, Oregon; Ellen, the wife of M. S. Stewart, of Bucyrus, Ohio. In politics the father of this family was a Democrat in matters of national importance but at local elections he voted for the man whom he thought best qualified for the position. He served as supervisor and was also director of schools. He held membership in the German Baptist church, dying in that faith and was then laid to rest in Mt. Zion cemetery, in Perry county.

William Hufford, whose name introduces this review, was born in Hocking



county, Ohio, about four miles south of his present home. He acquired his early education there and later continued his studies in Fairfield county, attending schools about four months each year. When he was twenty-one his education was completed and he began farming for his father, for whom he worked for about six years. Believing that he would enjoy living in the west he removed to Kansas, but remained only three months, returning then to Rush Creek township and purchasing land upon which he now resides. His farm consists of one hundred and two acres, all of which is under a high state of cultivation and he is successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits. Everything about his place is neat and thrifty in appearance and his enterprise and industry have been important factors in the prosperous conduct of his business affairs.

In 1874 William Hufford was united in marriage to Miss Mary Peer, a native of Hocking county, Ohio, and unto them have been born the following children: Edward, residing at home; Wright, also at home;

Ida, the wife of Ira McCullough, of Rush Creek township; Charlie, Arthur and Jim, who are yet under the paternal roof.

Mr. Hufford has cleared considerable land, for much of his farm was covered with timber when he took possession of the property. He built a good home and barn and also added forty-five acres to his land. His is one of the creditable farms of the county and the passerby can see at a glance that the owner is progressive, practical and endorses modern improvements. In politics he has followed in his father's footsteps, always voting the Democratic ticket on questions of national importance, but at the local elections he votes as he deems advisable. He has served as school director for a number of years and is interested in all that tends to promote the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of the community. He belongs to the German Baptist church and his Christian principles have so permeated his life and molded his career that he is to-day a man highly respected by all who know him.

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## JOHN GRAVETT.

It is always a pleasure to see true merit suitably rewarded and to behold the prosperity of those who eminently deserve it as does the subject of this review. At an early age he learned one of the great lessons of life—that there is no royal road to wealth—and therefore he toiled industriously

until he has won not only a snug little fortune but also the esteem and confidence of the people with whom he has been associated for so many years. Work, the true friend of mankind, has developed his latent resources and brought out the strong self-reliant force of his character, and to-day he



is accounted one of the prosperous residents of Lancaster, where he has long been proprietor of a fine greenhouse in conjunction with his son, business being carried on under the firm name of Gravett & Son.

Mr. Gravett was born on the 12th of September, 1826, in the village of Billingshurst, county of Sussex, England. His father, Peter Gravett, was also a native of that country and throughout his life devoted his energies to the vocation of farming, passing away in 1842. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lucy Reeves, was also a native of the locality in which her husband was born. After his death she came with her children to the United States, settling in White county, Illinois, where she remained until called to her final rest in 1872.

Having acquired his education in the public schools of his native land, John Gravett then became connected with the nursery business and also acquired a comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the best methods of conducting a greenhouse and propagating flowers and trees, having four years experience in the business before he came to America. The year 1850 witnessed his emigration to the new world. Attracted by the broader opportunities and business possibilities of this country he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for America, before the other members of the family left England. He landed at New York but made his way direct to Buffalo and thence to Lancaster, Ohio, where he has since resided. Soon after his arrival he purchased six acres of land on East Wheeling street, planted a nursery and for several

years conducted a general nursery business, but in 1864 he enlarged the scope of his labor by erecting and equipping a small greenhouse. As his business grew he enlarged his facilities until he now has ten thousand feet under glass. His flowers are of the choicest varieties and kinds, his selection being made as the result of long experience in the business. His son is a practical florist and the plants are always kept in a healthy condition. From his care in this direction Mr. Gravett has built up a large and growing business, and his trade has reached extensive proportions locally and also extends to the surrounding towns and villages, while large shipments are made to Columbus. The greenhouse is heated throughout by hot water and all modern equipments and accessories for carrying on the business have been added, for Mr. Gravett and his son are men of progressive ideas and keep in touch with the advancement of the times. His sale of carnations and roses is constantly increasing in Columbus and he makes large shipments of these flowers at stated intervals.

Before leaving his native land Mr. Gravett was married in England, in 1849, to Miss Ann Mallars, who was born in London and was a daughter of Thomas Mallars, a successful merchant there. This union has been blessed with ten children and all have reached mature years. All but one were born in this city and are as follows: Ella, the wife of W. W. Brown, a resident of Denver, Colorado; John, also a resident of that state, who married a Miss Kagya, of Fairfield county, and is in the employ of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, holding



the position of agent at Salida; Jennie, a professional nurse and resides at home; Lucy, the wife of James A. Cary, of Demopolis, Alabama; Anna, the wife of the Rev. Judson Lamb, of Cleveland, Ohio; Etta, who married Arthur A. Walker, an attorney of Cincinnati, Ohio; Florence, the wife of Charles Zeisler, of Lancaster; George, at home, who is a molder in the employ of the Hocking Valley Railroad; and Carrie, the wife of Milton McClane, who is employed in a shoe factory in Lancaster.

Since gaining the right of franchise Mr. Gravett has supported the Democratic party and for twelve years he served as a member of the school board of the city. For a similar period he was a member of the Fairfield Agricultural Society and fraternally he is connected with Charity Lodge, I. O. O. F. He belongs to the Presbyterian church, has held most of the church offices and for the past thirty-five years has been one of its elders, doing all in his power to extend its

influence. His residence is a substantial brick structure, well furnished and is situated at No. 803 East Wheeling street. He thoroughly enjoys home life and takes great pleasure in the society of his family and friends. He is always courteous, kindly and affable and those who know him personally have for him warm regard. As has been truly remarked, after all that may be done for a man in the way of giving him early opportunities for obtaining the requirements which are sought in schools and in books, he must essentially formulate, determine and give shape to his own character; and this is what Mr. Gravett has done. He has persevered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and gained the most satisfactory reward. His life is exemplary in many respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own moral worth is deserving of the highest commendation.

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### JACOB W. FENSTERMAKER.

Jacob W. Fenstermaker, who is filling the office of the justice of the peace in Carroll, was born in this county, October 25, 1822. His father, William Fenstermaker, was a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred near Reading, whence he came with his parents to Ohio in 1808, the family locating on a farm near Carroll, where a log cabin was erected and a blacksmith shop

and it is claimed that in the smithy was manufactured the first ax ever made in this county. His grandfather was George Fenstermaker. The father worked upon the home farm in his youth and in the blacksmith shop, and when he started out in life for himself he chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey Miss Mary Minehart, who was born on a farm in Mifflin





county, Pennsylvania, near Juniata river. Her father died leaving a good estate to his widow and eight children. The mother after settling up the estate came to Ohio with her little ones, hoping that they would have good opportunities in the new country and she gave to each child a sufficient sum of money to purchase eighty acres of land. William Fenstermaker located his eighty acres north of Carroll on the northeast corner of Violet township. Thereon he built a log cabin and a blacksmith shop. The floor of his pioneer home was made from an ash log and smoothed with an ax. The door was made in the same way and the bolts were fastened in with wooden pins, while the hinges were also ingeniously made of wood. There was a latch and to this was attached a rawhide string, which hung on the outside of the door through the hours of day and the method of locking the door was to pull the string on the inside. For fuel Mr. Fenstermaker used charcoal, which he himself burned. Primitive were the conditions of life which existed, but as the years passed the ingenuity of the settlers and their enterprising labors wrought many changes. Wild turkey were plentiful in those days and wolves were also numerous. Our subject relates that he has often seen his father open the door just wide enough to put his rifle through and shoot both wolves and turkeys. When the grandfather of our subject died William Fenstermaker purchased the old family homestead of one hundred and fifty-six acres and in the spring of 1832 took up his abode thereon, continuing to cultivate the land and also conduct his smithy until his death, which occurred in

March, 1843. He left a widow and ten children.

As the eldest son, George, was then married, Squire Fenstermaker, at that time nineteen years of age, took charge of the home farm and assisted his mother in providing for the younger children. His early life was one of active and earnest toil and his efforts proved of much benefit to the family. In his twenty-fifth year he was united in marriage on the 1st of December, 1846, to Susana Smith, a daughter of Henry Smith, a farmer of Fairfield county. He then built a home on one corner of the old farm and he still continued to manage the land until he purchased fifty acres adjoining the home place. There he built a log house for himself and little family. A few years after he purchased a tract of eighty acres, adjoining his first purchase, so that he owned a quarter of a section, whereon his labors brought to him a good financial return. He remodeled and enlarged his home but eventually sold that property which afterward came into the possession of Jeffries' family and on it was born the present champion prize fighter of that name.

In the spring of 1862 Mr. Fenstermaker removed to his present home, purchasing the property the following year. The house had been erected in 1839 and was the first brick house built in Carroll, being then considered quite a mansion. When he came here in the spring of 1862 the Squire rented a warehouse near the canal and engaged in the grain business, but a year later the building and its contents were destroyed by fire and as he carried no insurance he suffered a heavy loss. Since that time he has



devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits and his well developed place, neat and thrifty in appearance, indicates his careful supervision and enterprise.

By his first marriage Mr. Fenstermaker had five children, three of whom are yet living: Mary E., the wife of David Spencer, a contractor and carpenter living in Columbus, Ohio; Ollie, the wife of Robert McFarland, who follows farming and threshing and resides near Carroll; and Charles D., who married Mrs. Edward Kistler, whose maiden name was Jane Sands. They have one child, Ethel, and they reside with Mr. Fenstermaker, who on the 13th of August, 1883, was called upon to mourn the death of his first wife. On the 5th of March, 1885, he married Mrs. Watts, a widow, by whom he had two children: Myrtle, born in 1889, is being educated in the convent of the Good Shepherd of Columbus; and Parley D., born in 1893, is at-

tending the home school. Mr. Fenstermaker has obtained a legal separation from his second wife.

For many years the Squire has filled the office of justice of the peace and his opinions have always been fair and impartial, few ever having been reversed. In the spring of 1902 he was also elected mayor of Carroll and is now acceptably filling that office. Although now nearly eighty years of age he is still a hale and hearty man and has never been obliged to wear glasses. Having spent his entire life in the county, he is widely known among its residents. From pioneer days to the present he has watched the development and progress of this portion of the state and his efforts in its behalf have been effective in promoting its welfare. Those who know him entertain for him friendly regard and his circle of acquaintance is very extensive throughout Fairfield county.

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### A. H. GINDER.

A. H. Ginder, who has stood the test of public office and been found most trustworthy and reliable, is now identified with the agricultural interests of Fairfield county and has some valuable property within its borders. He makes his home in Lancaster, but superintends the operation of his land, which is under a high state of cultivation and yields an excellent return for the

labor bestowed upon it. Mr. Grinder was born in Greenfield township, Fairfield county, on the 4th of January, 1852, his parents being John and Ann (Hinsel) Ginder. The father was born in Basil, Switzerland, and when in his eighteenth year crossed the Atlantic to the new world in company with his parents, John and Mary (Krotzer) Ginder, who settled in Fairfield county in 1825, and



a brother, Van H. Ginder, who now resides in Baltimore, this county. On the maternal side our subject is also of Swiss lineage. His maternal grandparents were natives of Basil, Switzerland, and on emigrating to the new world took up their abode in Fairfield county, Ohio, where the mother of our subject was born in the year 1818. The father of our subject was a carpenter by trade and in addition to his labors as a builder he engaged in farming, making his home in Greenfield township. He was a man of much energy and enterprise and was regarded as a valued citizen in the early days, being held in high esteem for his sterling character and his unfaltering integrity. In politics he was a Democrat and a warm admirer of General Jackson and the principles he advocated. He was a member of the Reformed church of Basil and died in that faith on his farm near Basil, in April, 1892. His wife, who survives him, yet makes her home on the old farm in Greenfield township. In their family were four children: Samuel H., a resident farmer of this county; Daniel, who resides on the old homestead; A. H., of this review; and Elizabeth C.

Reared as a farmer boy A. H. Ginder early became familiar with the work of the fields and meadow and the sun shone down upon many a tract which he plowed and planted, ripening the grain which he had sown. In the winter months he attended the district schools of the neighborhood and later became a student in the Fairfield Union Academy at Pleasantville. Later he engaged in teaching, being employed as teacher of the home school for seven terms, after

which he assisted his brother at carpenter work for some time.

Mr. Ginder has been called upon to fill a number of offices by his fellow townsmen who recognize his worth and ability. In 1880 he was appointed census enumerator for Greenfield township, and in 1889 he was appointed deputy auditor under R. F. Brown, in which capacity he served for six years. On the expiration of that period in 1894 he was elected auditor for a term of three years. His previous service as deputy had well trained him for the duties of the superior position, which he discharged with such signal ability and fidelity that he was re-elected in 1897, his second term expiring in October, 1901, when he retired from the office—with which he had been connected for twelve years—with the confidence and good will of all, having made many friends during his incumbency. Since leaving office he has given his attention to farming and is the owner of three hundred acres of rich land, splendidly cultivated. Upon this tract is a good residence, substantial barn and outbuildings, feed lots and the latest improved machinery and the place is yielding to the owner a good financial return for the care and labor he bestows upon it.

In 1877 Mr. Ginder was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Baugher, a daughter of Samuel and Caroline (Fisher) Baugher, of Greenfield township, who were early settlers of this county. Three children have been born unto our subject and his wife: Viola A., Floyd E. and Myrtle May. The son is now a medical student in the Starling



Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Ginder belongs to Charity Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., of Lancaster, and Mount Pleasant, Lodge, No. 48, K. P. Politically he is a pronounced Democrat, taking an active part

in local, county and state politics, and always interested in the success of his party. His pleasant home in Lancaster is located at No. 185 East Sixth avenue and there hospitality reigns supreme.

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## JOHN HYDE.

For almost eighty years John Hyde has traveled life's journey, and in old age he receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded on who has attained to advanced years and has lived an upright and honorable life. He now makes his home in Hocking township, Fairfield county, Ohio. His birth occurred in the state of Pennsylvania. He first opened his eyes to the light of day in Bedford county, August 10, 1823, the son of Jonathan and Margaret Ann Hyde, both of whom were natives of New Jersey. The father was a cooper by trade and for many years resided in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where both he and his wife died, the latter passing away when her son, John, was but three years of age. He is now the only living representative of the family, which numbered eight children. He spent the first fifteen years of his life in the state of his nativity and then sought a home in Ohio, coming to Fairfield county with his brother, Daniel. They located in Madison township, where he engaged in the coopering business for many years, being a thorough and expert workman. Subsequently he turned his at-

tention to the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for eight years in Madison township, and on the expiration of that period engaged in farming, owning and operating a tract of land in the same township. About thirty years ago, however, he sold that farm and purchased a farm of one hundred acres in Hocking township, upon which he has since made his home. He erected a large residence here and has one of the most desirable and attractive homes in this portion of the state. He has carried on farming and contract work, and as the years have passed his unremitting toil and well directed labors have brought to him creditable success.

Mr. Hyde was married in Madison township, Fairfield county, to Miss Susan Dindore, and unto them were born four children. Francis Marion, the eldest, married Miss Haas, and resides in Hocking township, where he follows contracting and farming. Julia Ann is living in Madison township. Samantha is the widow of Jesse Lysinger, who was a blacksmith of Hocking township, and has one child. Margaret Ann is the deceased wife of Edward Haas, who has also passed away. Their home was





in Kansas. The mother of these children died about thirty-five years ago and Mr. Hyde afterward wedded Mrs. Lottie Raitz, the widow of Frederick Raitz, who by her first marriage had three children, namely: Frank, who is now sheriff of Fairfield county; Henry, who is engaged in the drug business in St. Louis; and Samantha, the wife of Clarke Griffy, a resident of Clear Creek township, by whom she has four daughters. By the second marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hyde four children have been born: Clay, who is clerking in Lancaster, married Jessie, the daughter of Samuel Halderman; Oscar is at home; John is engaged in the grocery business in Columbus; and Gertie Ellen is also at home.

Mr. Hyde holds membership in the Reformed church, in which he has served as trustee for many years. He votes with the Democracy, but has never sought or desired public office, preferring to devote his attention to his business affairs in which he has prospered. In this country where opportunity is open to all men who desire advancement and are not afraid to work, he has gradually won success and to-day has a comfortable competence which supplies him with the comforts that go to make life worth living. His career has ever been honorable and straightforward, and in the evening of life he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

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### B. A. THOMAS, M. D.

Although Dr. Thomas is a regular medical practitioner and has a comprehensive knowledge of the science of medicine and its uses, he is making a specialty of surgery, and in this branch of the profession has manifested particular skill and ability, thereby gaining a large and lucrative practice. He was born in Reading township, Perry county, Ohio, August 22, 1835. His father, Jesse Thomas, was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, in the year 1801, while the grandfather of our subject was Aaron Thomas, a native of Wales. He had three brothers and the days of his boy-

hood, youth and early manhood were spent in his native country. He there owned a tract of land, but the government beat him out of it and becoming disgusted with the governmental methods there he resolved to establish his home in the "land of the free." Accordingly he crossed the Atlantic and took up his abode in Virginia, where he was married to Rosanna Parrot, a native of the Old Dominion. They became the parents of six children: Jesse, Evan, Samuel, David, Jacob and Mrs. Andrew Morrow. Afterward Aaron Thomas came with his family to Ohio, settling in Fairfield county,





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where he purchased three hundred and sixty acres of land. For a number of years he was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, the richly cultivated fields bringing to him good crops. He found a ready sale on the market, so that his financial resources steadily increased. He also became interested in the Lancaster Bank and was a prominent factor in business circles in an early day. His political support was given the Whig party.

Jesse Thomas acquired his education in Rockingham county, Virginia, and in the schools of Rush Creek township, having been brought by his parents to Fairfield county when a lad of eleven years. Subsequently he engaged in teaching school for a number of years in an old-time log school house common in frontier districts. He also worked upon his father's farm and continued agricultural pursuits there until the time of his death, which occurred when he was eighty years of age. He engaged in the raising of a good stock of cattle, hogs and sheep and this proved to him a gratifying source of income. In his religious convictions he was a Presbyterian, long holding membership with the church. He married Miss Elizabeth Miller, a native of Ohio, and they became the parents of six sons and six daughters: Matilda, the wife of Peter Buriff; John F., who is living half a mile north of Rushville; Mark, who died in Winchester, Virginia, in 1864, from wounds received at the battle of Cedar Creek; Isaac, who resides north of Oak Thorpe; the Doctor; Joab F., a resident of Rushville; Elizabeth, the wife of Ed. Thompson; their home being near Bre-

men, Ohio; Jane, who became the wife of James McNaughton, of Columbus, and is now deceased; Catherine, deceased wife of Clint Kellerman; Samantha; Sarah Ann, deceased; and David S., a dentist in Somerset, Ohio.

Dr. Thomas acquired his early education in the district schools of his native township and later pursued his studies under the direction of Charles Nourse, of Somerset. He began reading medicine with Dr. John Nourse, of Lancaster, and in 1864-5, was a student in the Starling Medical University, being graduated in that institution with the class of 1869. He was the orator at Columbus, during the last year of the Alumni Association. A most thorough and painstaking student he has always continued his reading and investigation and is a physician of broad knowledge, who is very accurate in diagnosing cases and in applying the correct remedies that should aid in the restoration of health. At the same time he gives his attention largely to surgery and is most successful in that branch of professional work.

On the 10th of September, 1861, the Doctor was married to Miss Ella Rissler, a native of Fairfield county, Ohio. Unto them have been born four children, of whom three yet living: Eva, now the wife of Professor Fess, of Ada, Ohio; Minnie, the wife of Charles E. Basore, of Columbus; Ed H., also a resident of the capital city, and Jesse R., deceased.

At the time of the Civil war the Doctor manifested his loyalty to his country by enlisting in Company F, Captain James Stinchcomb's company, for three months'



service. He took part in several skirmishes in Virginia and was discharged on the 10th of August, 1861, on the expiration of his term. Not content, however, with the period of service he had given his country, he recruited a company and went out with the Sixty-second Ohio Infantry, going to Cumberland, Maryland, over the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He took part in the battles of Winchester, Key Cross Roads, and his command went to the relief of McClellan, afterward returning to Yorktown, and thence to Suffolk. He rose to the rank of captain and was honorably discharged on the 28th of June, 1863, on account of disability. While on board a vessel with his regiment, sailing from Moorehouse Inlet, North Carolina, to Hiltonhead, South Carolina, the Doctor conceived the idea of cooking by steam. The plan was tried and proved a success. Later the other vessels

adopted the same method and to-day the same process is used in many of our large institutions.

He is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Loyal Legion, of Cincinnati. He is also connected with the Odd Fellows Society at West Rushville, the Masonic lodge of Rushville and the Knights of Maccabees, of Rushville. He has also taken the Knight Templar degree in Masonry, belonging to the commandery at Lancaster. In politics he is an earnest Republican, and for four years he served as president of the pension board under President Harrison. He has also been chairman of the county committee and has been earnest and able in promoting the growth and welfare of his party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, in which he is now serving as an elder.

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## GEORGE H. WETZEL.

If every young man thoroughly understood and believed what wise men and philosophers are always pointing out—that success almost never comes to any one without great and persevering effort, a multitude of failures in life would be averted and the world would be a much happier place than it is to-day. In countless thousands of instances, especially in the United States, where men are rated at their true personal

worth, poor boys have risen to places of prominence and influence because they were not afraid of work, and hard work, too, and because they were actuated by the commendable ambition to do something and be something worthy of the respect of all mankind. Although Mr. Wetzel entered upon his business career in the humble capacity of a clerk, he has for almost twenty years been numbered among the merchants of Lan-





caster and is now one of the leading prescription druggists of the city. His home has always been here where he first opened his eyes to the light of day, on the 12th of October, 1849.

His parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Welker) Wetzel, both of whom were natives of Baden, Germany, where they were reared to mature years and married. Believing that they might have better business opportunities in the new world, they at length took passage on a sailing vessel bound for the port of New York. On landing in that city they at once made arrangements to continue their journey direct to Lancaster, where they made a permanent location. The father conducted a meat market for about four years and then established a hotel, being proprietor of what was known as the William Tell Tavern for three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a tavern which he named the Wetzel Tavern. This he successfully conducted until his death in 1878. Our subject has in his possession an application made by his father in 1853 to conduct a hotel. This is signed by a number of the citizens of the third ward, all of whom are now deceased. He was widely and favorably known among the early settlers and took a deep and active interest in promoting public progress and improvement along lines of substantial up-building. His wife, surviving him for many years, passed away in February, 1898, at an advanced age. In their family were three sons and two daughters, George H. being the eldest. The others are Louisa, the wife of Henry Snyder; Catharine, deceased; Ja-

cob; and Henry, a resident of Dallas, Texas.

The childhood and youth of our subject were passed in a manner not unlike that of most boys of the period. He enjoyed the pleasures of the playground and performed the duties of the schoolroom, and after acquiring his elementary education in the public schools he attended a private school. He prepared for his business career as a salesman in the drug store of Slocum & White, with whom he remained for three years, during which time he thoroughly mastered the business. Subsequently he was employed in different drug stores until 1883, when, with the capital which he had acquired through his own well directed efforts and economy, he began business on his own account, his store being located on the Hill-side, where he is now well established, carrying a large and well selected stock of drugs and medicines obtained from the best known and most reliable manufacturers. He makes a specialty of carefully compounding physician's prescriptions and does the leading business in this line in the city. He has been actively connected with the drug trade from 1867 until the present time, covering a period of over thirty-five years.

In June, 1876, Mr. Wetzel was united in marriage to Miss Naomi Bope, of Fairfield county, a daughter of Colonel Jacob Bope, who was one of the pioneers of this county. Her father was twice married and prior to the time he married Miss Essex he wedded Miss Bury. Mrs. Wetzel was a native of this county and by her marriage became the mother of two children, but



Charles E. died on the 3d of July, 1899, aged twenty-one years. Lena Leota is at home.

In his political views Mr. Wetzel is a stalwart Republican and for two years he served as a member of the city council, representing the third ward, one of the strongest Democratic wards in the city of Lancaster, being the second Republican elected therein during the past forty years. His election certainly was an indication of his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow town-

men. Mr. Wetzel belongs to Lancaster Lodge, No. 57, F. & A. M., the Chapter, No. 11, R. A. M., and the Royal Arcanum. He is living on East Main street at Hillside, one of the best residence districts in the city. In business he has achieved success through honorable effort, untiring industry and capable management, and in private life he has gained that warm personal regard which arises from true nobility of character, deference for the opinions of others, kindness and geniality and a strict adherence to the principles of right and justice.

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### JAMES M. STEWARD.

James M. Steward was for a number of years engaged in promoting educational interests in this part of the state but at the present time is devoting his attention to farming and is one of the practical and progressive agriculturists of Bloom township. A son of Charles and Sarah (Kuntz) Steward, he was born on the 15th of March, 1841, in this county. His parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, coming to Ohio from Lehigh, Bucks county. The father took up his abode in Pickaway county, Ohio, in 1837, and there engaged in farming, but after one year he removed to Fairfield county, settling in Amanda township, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1884, when he was eighty-five years of age, for he was born in 1799. His wife died in 1876, at the age of seventy-two years. Unto them were born fifteen chil-

dren, ten of whom are now living, namely: Lucy Ann, the widow of Jeremiah Zhuring and a resident of Delaware, Ohio; Thomas, a farmer living in Van Wert county, Ohio; Hannah, the wife of Joseph Christian; William H., a resident of Clear Creek township, Fairfield county; Mary Ann, the wife of Nathaniel Donor, also of Clear Creek township; Lewis Wilson, who is living on the old homestead in Amanda township; Susana, deceased; James M., of this review; Sarah, at home; Charles, a physician of Ashville, Ohio; and Samuel, a resident of Stoutsville, this state.

James M. Steward pursued his education in the public schools near his home and at the age of twenty-one years went to Illinois, where he remained for two years. He then returned and entered the Fairfield Union Academy in 1869, completing a



course there. He also matriculated in the Wesleyan University, where he completed a course in 1872. For a number of years he was a promoter of educational interests in this state. He began teaching in the district schools while still pursuing his own education and has been in charge of the schools of Adelphi, Ross county, where he remained for five years or until 1878. The following year he accepted a position in Lancaster and for seven years was superintendent of the North school, while in 1885 he became principal of the schools of Basil, Ohio, and in 1886-7 continued at that place. In 1887 he took up his abode upon his present farm in Bloom township and it has been the family home continuously since. Mr. Steward was widely recognized as a most efficient promoter of educational work, his instructions being given clearly and forcibly and never failing to leave its impress upon the minds of the children. He was also a good disciplinarian and his efforts were efficient in promoting the intellectual welfare of the community with which he was associated.

On the 29th of December, 1872, Mr. Steward was united in marriage to Amelia Dunnuck, a daughter of Benjamin and Minerva (Ashbrook) Dunnuck, of Pickaway county, Ohio. Their marriage has been blessed with the following named: Charles B., of Bloom township, who is a graduate of the Ohio State University; Sarah Minerva, deceased; James C., who is now pursuing a course in the State University; Effie E., who is a student in the same institution; Lewis M., Grace and Florence M., who are yet under the parental roof. The family have a pleasant home upon Mr. Steward's farm. He is engaged in the raising of full blooded stock, making a specialty of short-horn cattle and Poland-China hogs, and has had some very fine cattle on his farm. He takes a deep and active interest in matters of public welfare and has served as local school director. He has read extensively and thought deeply concerning the financial questions of the day and gives his political support to the Democracy, while in religious faith both he and his wife are Lutherans.

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### JONAS CONRAD.

A fine farm comprising one hundred and sixty-four acres of land in the township of Clear Creek is the property of Jonas Conrad, who is numbered among the substantial agriculturists of this portion of the state.

He was born on the 14th of March, 1831, in the township which is still his home, and represents one of the old families of this county. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Conrad, married Esther Root. He was born



in Maryland of German parentage and resided in that state until September, 1805, when he came with his family to Ohio and rented a tract of land in Clear Creek township, Fairfield county. Throughout his remaining days he carried on farming and stock-raising here, purchasing a farm which as the years passed returned to him a golden tribute for his care and labor bestowed upon the fields. He died when he was seventy-five years of age, respected and honored by all who knew him.

Henry Conrad, the father of our subject, was born in Washington county, Maryland, on the 18th of August, 1801, and in 1805 was brought by his parents to Ohio, settling in Clear Creek township, Fairfield county. He remained upon the home place for some years after his marriage and then removed to a farm which his father owned in the neighborhood. There Henry Conrad carried on agricultural pursuits, and the well tilled fields brought to him golden harvests. He put all the improvements upon the place and under his supervision the work of the farm was carried on until his death, which occurred when he was almost ninety years of age. He was a Democrat in his political views in early life, but afterward became identified with the Republican party. His religious belief was in harmony with teachings of the English Lutheran church. A house of worship belonging to that denomination was built upon a part of his farm, he giving the land to the church association. In the years of his early manhood he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Walters, who died April 18, two

years prior to the death of her husband. She was born in Pennsylvania and was brought to Ohio when eleven years of age by her father, Frederick Walters, who for many years resided in this county and was one of its substantial and respected citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad became the parents of ten children, six of whom are yet living: Ezra, a resident of Clear Creek township; Priscilla, the wife of Eli Conrad, whose home is in Stoutsville, Ohio; Jonas, of this review; Wesley, who is living in Kansas; Henry and Martin, who are residents of Clear Creek township. Those who have passed away are Caroline, Sarah and Cornelius.

Jonas Conrad remained upon the old home farm until he was twenty-one years of age. During that time he gained broad and practical experience concerning the best methods of cultivating the soil and caring for stock. When he had arrived at man's estate he started out on his own account, removing to another farm which his father owned and which he operated for about two years. He then took up his abode upon a farm owned by his uncle and made it his home for two years, after which he removed to the farm upon which he now resides. The most of the improvements upon this place are the work of Mr. Conrad and the buildings stand as an evidence of his life of industry, his progressive spirit and enterprise. He has placed all of his land under the highest state of cultivation and in addition to the home farm he has a fifty-acre tract of timber land.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Con-





rad joined the Union army for one hundred days service as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. He was stationed in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, and at the close of his term was discharged at Zanesville, Ohio. He belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic until the post was abandoned in Amanda. In politics he is a Republican, but has never sought or desired office, although in the character of a private citizen he withholds his support from no movement or measure tending to contribute to the general good.

In 1852 Mr. Conrad was united in marriage to Miss Susana Campbell, who was born in Madison township, Fairfield county, a daughter of Christopher and Mary (Defenbaugh) Campbell. Her father was a shingle maker and died in Hocking township, while her mother's death occurred in Madison township. Mr. Campbell was about sixty years of age at the time of his demise, while his wife reached the allotted span of three score years and ten. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Conrad have been born twelve children, nine of whom are still living: Malinda Elizabeth is the wife of William H. Moore, of Clear Creek township. They had thirteen children—Frances, Laura E., Elmer, Lillie, now deceased, Sallie, Grace, Denver, Walter, Cora, also deceased, Chauncey, Orion, Carrie and Raymond. Louisa Jane, the wife of Daniel Spangler, a resident farmer of Amanda township, has four children—Harley, Leslie, Harry and Raymond. Martin Luther, who is a carpet weaver of Amanda, Ohio, married Laura

Clark, and unto them have been born five children—Russell, Rupert, Denver, who is deceased, Gladys, also deceased, and Marie. William Henry is a resident of Pickaway county and follows farming in Walnut township. He married Nancy Waites, and they had one child who died in infancy unnamed. Sallie Ann is the wife of John Waites, of Madison county, Ohio, and their children are Bessie, Myrtie, Scott, Mona and Clarence; and Winfield Scott, who died at the age of twenty years, eight months and ten days. Clara Belle died when about two years old. Perry Elsworth, a farmer, died about six years ago, at the age of thirty-two. Cornelia Ellen is the wife of William Eveland, of Amanda township. Charles U., who is now thirty-two years of age, resides at home and assists his father in the operation of the farm. Stella M. is the wife of Charles Spangler and they reside upon their father's farm. They have one child, Nellie Edith. Lillie May is the wife of Homer Eveland, a resident farmer of Madison county, Ohio, and their children are Harold and Verlo. All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad were born in Fairfield county. He has reached the age of seventy-one years but is still actively concerned in business affairs, and is a worthy and respected citizen who co-operates in all movements and measures calculated to advance the general good. His life has been quietly passed upon the farm, but his record is well worthy of emulation, for he has been loyal in citizenship, honorable in business and faithful to the ties of friendship and home.



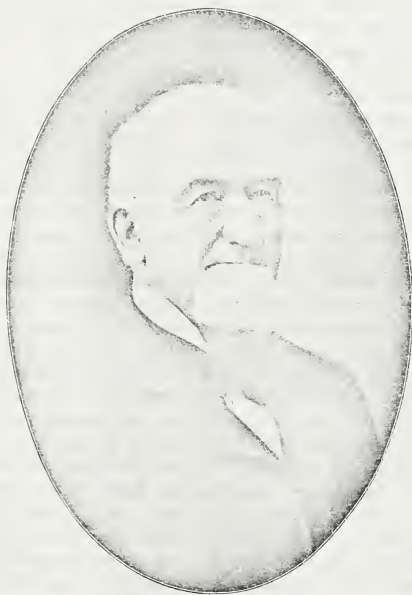
## COLONEL JOHN C. HITE.

The history of a state, as well as that of a nation, is chiefly the chronicles of the lives and deeds of those who have conferred honor and dignity upon society. The world judges the character of a community by those of its representative citizens, and yields its tributes of admiration and respect for the genius of learning or virtues of those whose works and actions constitute the record of a state's prosperity and pride; and it is this record that offers for our consideration the history of men, who in their characters for probity and benevolence, and the kindly virtues, as well as for integrity in the affairs of life, are ever affording to the young worthy examples for their regard and emulation. Therefore it is proper that a just celebrity should be given to those men who are distinguished in their day and generation, that the living may enjoy the approbation of their contemporaries, as well as that of a grateful posterity.

Colonel Hite is descended from a long-lived family, his father, Samuel Hite, having reached the advanced age of ninety-seven years, while his mind is still apparently as clear as that of the ordinary man at the age of fifty. He is numbered among the native sons of Fairfield county, his birth having occurred upon a farm near Pleasantville. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for him in his youth. He mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools and at the age of nineteen began teaching in the village of Pleasantville, having charge

of the school there through four successive winter terms, and so remarkable was his success as an instructor, that the patrons of the school increased his monthly salary far above the amount paid to other teachers of the time in that county, in order to retain his services in the school. His work as an educator and in behalf of the young has been of the greatest importance and benefit. Man's worth in the world is determined, not by the wealth he acquires, but by what he has accomplished for his fellow men, and in this regard Colonel Hite may well be accounted successful, for his labors have been far reaching and beneficial. He was largely instrumental in building the Fairfield Union Academy and became the secretary and a member of the first board of directors of that institution. In 1865 he was elected colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Ohio Militia and was commissioned by Governor David Tod. He was quite successful in his farming operations, which he carried on for a number of years, but in the fall of 1868, on account of failing health he abandoned agricultural pursuits and removed to Lancaster, where he became an active factor in commercial circles, purchasing the book store of Tuthill & Rigby. Through the two succeeding years he enjoyed a large and profitable business in that undertaking, but on the expiration of that period he sold his store and became an equal partner of the Ohio Eagle printing office, of Lancaster, being associated in this enter-





COL. J. C. HITE



prise with Thomas Wetzler. Through the succeeding five years he was identified with journalistic interests and then sold out to his partner.

Colonel Hite became an active representative of public business, in 1873, when he was elected auditor of Fairfield county. He filled that office through two successive terms, at the close of which the Hon. James Williams, auditor of state, presented him with an unusually flattering testimonial for the neat manner in which he made his reports to the state and for his accuracy in office. In April, 1878, he was elected superintendent of what was then known as the Ohio Reform Farm near Lancaster, under the administration of Governor Richard M. Bishop. During the latter part of the administration of Governor Charles Foster in the fall of 1883, he was again elected, and once more, in April, 1884, at the beginning of Governor Hoadley's term of service. In 1890 he was once more chosen to the office under the administration of James E. Campbell, his incumbency in that institution covering a period of six and one-half years. No more capable official has ever occupied the position. Colonel Hite instituted many improvements and measures for the benefit of the institution, whereby the condition of the inmates was much improved. He looked beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities of the future and labored to instill into the minds of the inmates principles that would help them to become active and useful citizens in life. It was through his instrumentality that the name of the institution was changed by legislative act from the Ohio Reform Farm to

the Boy's Industrial School. He introduced, in addition to the trades already taught there, brick making and masonry, cabinet making, telegraphy, stenography and printing. On the 15th of November, 1884, he issued the first edition of the Boy's Industrial School Journal, the present paper published at the institution and the first paper of its kind in the United States that is still in existence. It was through his recommendation that the telegraph and telephone lines were built from Lancaster to the school in 1878 and it was by his direction that the inmates were first taught regular military tactics. He was a favorite with the boys, not only on account of his progressive ideas, but his just dealing and interest which he took in them. He left the impress of his individuality upon many a life which has been benefited through his efforts.

Since leaving the Boys' Industrial School, Colonel Hite has devoted much of his time to journalism, for which he has a strong preference. His labors have also resulted in the perfecting of a system of his own, known as the Equitable System for conducting building and loan companies, and for his plan he holds a copyright from the United States government, taken out in the year 1899. He is the present secretary and a director of the Equitable Savings, Loan & Building Company of Lancaster, Ohio, which is founded on this system and is now doing a remarkably large and successful business.

On the 23d of September, 1852, Mr. Hite was united in marriage to Miss Mary Miller, a well educated and highly cultured young lady, and this union has been blessed





by one son, who graduated with high honors at Yale College in June, 1878, and who for the past seven years has held and is still holding the important position of chief of the drafting department in the United States patent office at Washington, District of Columbia.

Colonel Hite is a zealous Odd Fellow, having been identified with the order since 1851. He has passed the chairs in the subordinate and encampment lodges, has taken the past grand degree of the former and the degree of past patriarch in the lat-

ter. In September, 1874, he became a charter member of Columbia Lodge, No. 27, Knights of Honor, was its first representative to the grand lodge of Ohio, and twice since then has been elected its representative and is the present incumbent of that office. Colonel Hite stands among those to whom the world is indebted for an uplifting influence. He is a man of strong purpose, of sterling worth and broad humanitarian principles, and the work that he has accomplished has won him high encomiums.

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## WILLIAM BARR.

For almost one-third of a century William Barr has resided upon his present farm and is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the county, his grandfather having come to this portion of the state when Lancaster contained but two houses. Through all the intervening years the Barr family have been well known factors in the work of public progress and improvement, and their labors have resulted largely to the benefit of the community. Thomas Barr, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and after leaving that country for the United States he took up his abode in Ohio, making his home on the present site of Lancaster, which at that time was a mere hamlet, containing two houses and giving little promise of future

development and greatness. Throughout the years of his active life Thomas Barr carried on agricultural pursuits. The land which came into his possession was wild and unimproved, but his unremitting diligence was the means of transforming it into an excellent property. He reached the extreme old age of ninety-seven years and left to his family not only a handsome competence but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

Thomas Barr, the father of our subject, was reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life, sharing with the family of all hardships and toils as well as many trials incident to the settlement of a new district which is cut off from the comforts of civilization by long stretches of forest or of



plain. He was born in Fairfield county on the old homestead in Amanda township, and with the exception of one year spent upon a farm in Clear Creek township, he never left the township in which he was born. He was a cooper by trade and followed that pursuit for eight years. After his marriage and during the greater part of his life his undivided attention was given to agricultural pursuits and to the raising of stock. He became the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land, part of which was in Pickaway county. His industry was manifest by his unremitting attention to his fields and as the years passed his land became very rich, attractive and valuable. For twelve years he filled the office of township treasurer and was county commissioners for six years, discharging his duties with marked promptness, ability and honor. He voted with the Democratic party and it was upon that ticket that he was chosen to positions of political preferment. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Baptist church. He died at the age of eighty-four years in the village of Amanda, where for a number of years he had lived retired. In early life he had wedded Hannah Myers, and her death occurred when she was seventy-eight years of age. She was a native of Pennsylvania and when about ten years of age was brought by her parents to Ohio, the family making a settlement above Cedar Hill, in Amanda township. Mrs. Barr became the mother of thirteen children, of whom the subject of this review was the third in the order of birth. Seven of that number are

still living. The father was one of the greatest marksmen ever in this country. His record is seven centers, in succession, which record was never broken by an offhand, open-sight shooter at forty yards.

William Barr, whose name introduces this record, was born on the 5th of March, 1838, on the old farm homestead in Amanda township. In retrospect one can see him as a little farmer boy making his way to the district school of the neighborhood or assisting in the work of the field and meadow as his strength permitted. He continued upon the old homestead until after his marriage, when he started out in life independently, renting a farm in Amanda township. There he remained for five years, on the expiration of which time he purchased his present property in Amanda township and for thirty-two years has made his home thereon. Within the boundaries of his home are comprised one hundred and fifty-two and one-half acres of rich land. In addition to the cultivation of the crops best adapted to this climate he is engaged in raising stock. He has made all the improvements upon the place, including the erection of a substantial farm house and other buildings.

It was in the year 1862 that Mr. Barr led to the marriage altar Miss Margaret Greiner, the wedding being celebrated near Lancaster. The lady was a daughter of Henry F. and Mary Ann (Gorman) Greiner. Her father was a native of Germany, and when only three years of age was brought to the new world by his parents, who first located in Pennsylvania, but after-



ward removed from the Keystone state to Ohio and became a resident of Lancaster. The father of Mrs. Barr was a stone cutter by trade, following that pursuit for a number of years. He afterward engaged in teaching in the public schools of Lancaster. He died at the comparatively early age of thirty-nine years. The home of our subject and his wife was blessed with ten children: Clara is living with her parents. Frank S., who owns and operates sixty acres of land in Amanda township, adjoining his father's farm, married Cora Belle Williamson, a daughter of Henry Williamson, of Lancaster, and they have three children: Alvin, Ruth and Floyd. George resides above Cedar Hill, Amanda township, where he is engaged in the tilling of the soil. He married Alice Peters, a daughter of the Rev. Robert Peters, a minister of the Baptist church, now in Pickaway county. Their children are Emil, Lester, Robert and Albert. Mary, the fourth member of the family, died at the age of twenty-nine years. Nora is at home. Nellie died at the age

of three years. Florence is the wife of John Solt, of Pickaway county, where he follows farming, and they have one child, Harry. Fannie, Harry and Frederick are still under the parental roof. All of the children were born in Amanda township and pursued their education in the public schools of that locality. On May 30, 1902, Mrs. Barr was called to the home beyond. She was an earnest Christian woman and was a loyal member of the Presbyterian church of Amanda.

Mr. Barr exercises the right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him; yet as a citizen he is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the general good. He belongs to the Presbyterian church of Amanda, and for ten or twelve years has served as one of its deacons. His personal characteristics are such as to win for him the friendship and regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact. His life has ever been honorable and upright.

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## MANASSEH GLICK.

Almost a century has passed since the Glick family was established in Fairfield county. At that time the work of progress and improvement had scarcely been begun here. The forests stood in their primeval strength, the trees growing so dense in

many places that the sunlight could scarcely penetrate through the leaves and the branches. The streams were unbridged and there were few wagon roads. The settlers made their way through the forests by means of the old Indian trails or blazed



paths. Into this wilderness came the Glick family, establishing a home on the frontier and bravely enduring all the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life. The grandfather, Philip Glick, came to Bloom township in 1807 and entered government land, securing a section or more in Fairfield and Pickaway counties. He then returned to Pennsylvania, where he was taken ill, dying at Harrisburg when about seventy years of age. He was a native of France and on emigrating from Alsace to the new world first took up his abode in Allentown, Pennsylvania. His widow in the following year, 1808, came with Jonathan Glick, the father of our subject, and the other of her children to Fairfield county, where her husband had entered land and spent her remaining days here. In the family were seven sons and five daughters, Jonathan being the eleventh in order of birth. All the brothers lived to a good age. They were John, Philip, George, Jacob, Peter, Henry and Jonathan. Of this number George was the grandfather of Governor Glick, of Kansas.

Jonathan Glick was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, and was but a boy when he accompanied his mother to his Fairfield county home, the family settling in Bloom township in the midst of the wilderness near what is known as the Glick church, a house of worship belonging to the Lutheran denomination. Jonathan Glick became a member of that church with which he was identified the remainder of his days, taking an active and helpful part in its work. He was anxious to enter the army to serve in the war of 1812, but owing to his youth

he was not allowed to go. However, he went to Pennsylvania and worked his way into the army as a substitute for his brother Philip. After the war he remained in Pennsylvania until his marriage and then again came to Bloom township, in 1818, purchasing the farm upon which our subject now resides. He brought his land under a high state of cultivation, transforming it into a valuable farm. For his service in the war of 1812 he received a land warrant by which he acquired one hundred and sixty acres of land. He was a modest, unassuming man but was respected for his stability of character, his enterprise and his reliability. He died in October, 1866, at the age of seventy-three years. He had always been an advocate of the Democracy and was a firm believer in its principles. In early manhood he married Catherine Kerschuer, who was a daughter of Jeremiah Kerschuer, a resident of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, who removed to the west and took up his abode in Bloom township, Fairfield county, where he spent the greater part of his life. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine, died in Bloom township at the age of eighty-six years. It was her daughter, a namesake, who became the wife of Jonathan Glick and the mother of our subject. She died in 1882 in her eighty-sixth year. By her marriage she had eleven children: Aaron, Jonathan, Elias, Ruben and Nathan, all deceased; Manasseh; Sarah, the widow of Jacob Solt; Caroline, Lucy S. and Julia Ann, twins, and Catherine, all of whom are now deceased; and Levina, the wife of Emanuel Snyder.





Manasseh Glick, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in the common schools, in the high school of Lithopolis and in the Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. He afterward engaged in teaching, beginning that profession in 1852. He followed it for eight consecutive years in the common schools of Fairfield county and also spent one term as a teacher in Bartholomew county, Indiana. In 1862 he was married and settled upon the farm upon which he now resides and to the development and cultivation of which he has since devoted his energies. His business career has been one of untiring activity and his resolute purpose and unflagging enterprise have enabled him to win creditable and gratifying success.

On the 4th of December, 1862, Mr. Glick was united in marriage to Eliza J. Hartman, a daughter of George and Barbara (Fellers) Hartman, the former a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Fairfield county, Ohio. Her father came to this county in his boyhood and was numbered among the pioneer settlers of the community who assisted largely in the work of public progress and substantial upbuilding. His political support is given the Democracy, but he never sought or desired office. He passed away in 1895, in the eighty-third year of his age, and his wife died in 1878, at the age of sixty-five. They were the parents of the following named: Valentine; Susana; Eliza J.; Mary; William; Mary, the widow of Samuel Runkle; Catherine, the wife of David Klingner, of Kansas; and Monroe, also a resident of

the same state. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Glick has been blessed with several children, namely: Mary Catherine; Jonathan M.; Lucy Ellis, the wife of George Shultz, of Kansas; George T.; Charles W.; and Loa Celestia.

Mr. Glick has been honored with a number of local offices. In 1863 he was elected justice of the peace and filled that position for twenty-one consecutive years and then after an interval was again the incumbent of the office from 1881 until 1884. What higher testimonial of his capability and fidelity could be given? He served for one term as township clerk, for several terms as township trustee and in 1897 was elected a member of the infirmity board, in which capacity he is still serving. His public career is one which has gained for him the highest respect by reason of his loyalty to the trust reposed in him. He has always voted with the Democratic party and is a firm believer in its principles. He now holds his first commission as notary public for a term of nine years. He has settled many estates, having had more than thirty-six estates in probate court, and that he has been chosen for this duty is certainly an indication of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow men. In 1863 he was commissioned captain of the state militia, his company being composed of residents of Bloom township. Both he and his wife are members of the Glick church. It is under the direction of the Ohio Lutheran Synod of the fifth English district. Mr. Glick aided in building this church and his assistance and co-operation have ever been given to all



measures for the general good along social, material, intellectual and moral lines. His entire life has been passed in Fairfield county, and that many who have known him

from boyhood are numbered among his warmest friends is an evident indication that his career has ever been upright and honorable.

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### CHARLES E. REESE, M. D.

The state of Ohio, with its pulsing industrial activities and rapid development, has attracted within its confines men of marked ability and high character in the various professional lines, and in this way progress has been conserved and social stability fostered. He whose name initiates this review has gained recognition as one of the able and successful physicians of the state, and by his labors, his high professional attainments and his sterling characteristics has justified the respect and confidence in which he is held by the medical fraternity and the local public.

Dr. Charles E. Reese was born in Hocking township, Fairfield county, upon his father's farm, October 14, 1857, and represents an old family of Pennsylvania. His paternal grandfather, Maurice Reese, was born in Washington county, of the Keystone state, and about 1799 removed to Fairfield county, settling in the midst of the forest west of Lancaster. He married Miss Hannah Meek and they became the parents of twelve children, including Isaac Reese, who was born in Hocking township, Fairfield county, in 1812. He was one of the

prosperous farmers of the neighborhood, successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits in his native township for many years. He married Miss Susan Guitner, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1822, and when eight years of age removed with her parents, John and Gertrude Guitner, to Fairfield county, the family settling in Berne township, where the father and mother spent their remaining days. Mr. and Mrs. Reese reared a family of several children, namely: George W. and Isaac N., both of whom followed farming; Charles E., of this review; Francis M., who is a farmer; Almeda M., the wife of Daniel Murphy, of Lancaster; Jennie, the wife of Frank Smith, an agriculturist; and Fannie M., who wedded Samuel Childs, of Rushville, Ohio. Year after year the father devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits and the well tilled fields yielded to him golden returns for the care and labor he bestowed upon them. He was a man of decision of character, fearlessly upholding his honest convictions and his many sterling traits won for him the esteem and warm regard of all with whom he came in contact.



His political support was given the Republican party and on that ticket he was elected to several minor offices. His death occurred in 1886, and his wife died in 1892. Both were devoted members of the German Lutheran church.

Dr. Reese, whose name forms the caption of this article, spent his youth in the usual manner of farmer lads, taking his place in the fields at the time of early spring planting and assisting in the cultivation of the crops until after the autumn harvest. In the winter months he attended the district schools and later became a student of the public schools in Lancaster. Afterward he continued his education in a private school for three years and then entered upon the study of medicine, reading under the direction of Dr. Hartman, in Lancaster. He further continued his studies in the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati until he was graduated with the class of 1885.

Dr. Reese then came to Lancaster, where he opened an office, and steadily he has worked his way upward in a profession

where promotion comes in recognition of broad learning and superior skill. He has ever kept in touch with the advanced thought and discoveries of the day bearing upon his practice and is quick to adopt any new methods which he believes will assist him in checking the ravages of disease and restoring health.

In 1877 was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Reese and Miss Jennie D. Miller, of Lancaster, a daughter of David R. and Isabella (Gallagher) Miller. The Doctor belongs to Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 48, K. of P. For seven years he was physician for the Boys' Industrial School. In manner he is a genial and affable gentleman, and the sunshine of his own nature is a potent element in a sick room where anything depressing has a detrimental influence and all that is bright and enlivening acts in the opposite way. His prominence in the profession is the result of earnest labor and capability, and the public and the medical fraternity acknowledge his worth as a citizen and as a physician.

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## JOHN B. SPANGLER.

In pioneer times the Spangler family was established in Fairfield county. This was largely a frontier region when the grandfather of our subject took up his abode here and he often was forced to make his way through forests unmarked by any road, fol-

lowing only an old Indian trail. Dense indeed was the growth of the native trees and much of the land was still in possession of the woodmen, having not been claimed by early settlers for the purpose of cultivation. Henry Spangler, the grandfather,





JOHN B. SPANGLER AND WIFE





was born in Pennsylvania, and about 1804 settled in Pickaway county, Ohio, where he built a log cabin and thus provided a home for his family, but after a short time he came to Fairfield county and took up his home in Clear Creek township, purchasing land from the government and developing there the farm upon which our subject now resides, the deed for same being signed by Thomas Jefferson and dated 1809. Not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made when it came into his possession, but with characteristic energy he began to clear away the trees and soon the woodman's ax awakened the echoes of the forest. The brush was hauled away and burned and soon the shining plow made a track across the cleared fields. As the years passed the land became very productive and the grandfather prospered in his undertakings. He made his home upon this farm until his death, which occurred when he was about seventy years of age. Well does he deserve to be remembered among the honored and valued pioneers who aided in reclaiming this land and laid broad and deep the foundation for the present development and prosperity of Fairfield county.

Jeremiah Spangler, the father of our subject, was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania in 1803, and when five years of age accompanied his parents to the Buckeye state. Here they resided about five years, at the end of which time they returned to Pennsylvania. There they lived until 1813, when they again came west. Early Jeremiah Spangler became familiar with all the hardships and trials incident to a life in

the frontier. He was also intred to the arduous labor of developing the new farm, but the practical experience which he gained enabled him to engage in farm work on his own account very successfully in later life. He continued upon the old homestead, devoting his energies to the cultivation of the fields and the raising of stock. His last years were spent in rest from labor, and he reached the extreme old age of ninety-three years and two months. He was largely instrumental in building the first Evangelical church of Tarlton, erected in the early part of the nineteenth century. In the days of his early manhood he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bresler, who passed away some years prior to the death of her husband. In their family were six children, but only two are now living: Mr. Spangler, of this review, and Anna, the wife of Charles Bevens, of Columbus, Ohio.

John B. Spangler opened his eyes to the light of day on the old family homestead which had been entered by his grandfather, and in the country schools near by he pursued his education, sitting upon a slab seat, his feet resting upon a puncheon floor. In one end of the log building was a huge fireplace, which threw out a strong heat, warming the little building unless the cold of the winter penetrated through between the chinks in the logs. At farm work Mr. Spangler received a liberal training, for at an early age he took his place behind the plow and the sun shone down upon many a field which he cultivated. In his youth he remained upon the old homestead until he attained his majority, when he started out



to farm on his own account in the same township. He secured a tract of land, which he cultivated for ten or twelve years and then returned to the old home-stead in order to care for his father, who was feeling the infirmities of age.

In 1864 Mr. Spangler joined the boys in blue. He left for a three months' service at the front, becoming a member of Company K, Seventy-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the close of the war. He was wounded near Goldsboro, North Carolina, and received an honorable discharge at Washington, after which he returned to his native county and has since resided in Clear Creek township. The house which is his home was built by his father, but he has made many improvements upon the place and now has a comfortable home.

Mr. Spangler was married in 1862 to Susan Parks, who was born in Hocking county, a daughter of Perry and Nancy (Cupp) Parks, her father being one of the early settlers of Hocking county. In 1874, however, he removed to Illinois and subse-

quently took up his abode in Texas, where his death occurred. Farming was his life's occupation.

Mr. and Mrs. Spangler became the parents of four children. Clara is the wife of Arthur Eck, who is engaged in the restaurant business in Clyde, Ohio. Edward married Lena Wolff and is a farmer of Amanda township. Mary died at the age of eighteen years. Ida J. became the wife of Marion Noggle, a farmer of Oakland, Clear Creek township. She died at the age of twenty-five years, leaving a little daughter, Edith Alva, who is now attending school.

Mr. Spangler votes with the Democratic party and has never sought or desired office. He is a member of the United Brethren church and lives a quiet, but honorable life that commends him to the esteem and confidence of all with whom he has been associated. He owns and occupies a farm of one hundred seven acres of rich land in Clear Creek township, and its systematic and practical cultivation results in bringing to him desirable success.

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## PHILIP MACKLIN.

Eighty years, during the most progressive century of the world, covers the earthly pilgrimage of Philip Macklin. Wonderful changes have occurred during that period and he has taken a deep interest in the

progress of the world, bearing his part in the improvement of the county which he has long claimed as his home; in fact, he is one of the native sons of Fairfield county, his birth having occurred in Pleasant township



on the 8th of December, 1823. His parents were Peter and Susanna (Conklin) Macklin, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, Philip Macklin, came to Ohio in 1805, and married Miss Miller. On leaving the Keystone state he came with his family to Fairfield county, Ohio, settling in Pleasant township, where he spent the remainder of his days. He purchased one hundred and sixty-three acres of land from the government, paying the usual price of one dollar and a quarter per acre, and upon the tract, then wild and unimproved, he placed many evidences of his progressive spirit, the land being well cultivated, while good buildings were erected and all the equipments of farm life known at that day added to the place. At length death came to him and his remains were interred in Sigler cemetery. In his family were the following children: Peter, Betsey, Sallie, Maria, Susan, one child deceased, Jacob and John.

Peter Macklin, the father of our subject, was about twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to Ohio, his birth occurring in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and there he had remained until he removed with the family to the Buckeye state. He lived upon the old homestead, assisting in the work of the farm, until his marriage and then removed to a farm on section 16, Liberty township, purchasing eighty acres of land, to which he afterward added from time to time until within the boundaries of the farm were comprised three hundred and twenty acres. Well did he earn the true American title of a self-made man. He had

no one to assist him in his start in the business world, and, depending upon his own resources, upon indefatigable energy and economy, he gained a start and as the years passed prospered in his undertakings. Unto him and his wife were born two children: Polly, who became the wife of David Harter and is now deceased, and Philip, of this review. The mother died when our subject was only six weeks old, and Mr. Macklin afterward married Barbara Doomy, by whom he had six children; Amos, a resident of Liberty township; Sarah, the wife of David Schenck, of the same township; Maria, who died in Indiana; Sophia, the deceased wife of John Andergg, of Liberty township; Selenia, the wife of David Weisner, of Indiana; Samantha, the deceased wife of John Andergg, of Liberty and Caroline, who is now Mrs. Simms, a widow living with her brother Philip.

When his mother died Philip Macklin was taken to the home of his grandparents, by whom he was reared. He was educated in a log school house in Pleasant township and assisted in the work of the old homestead farm throughout the period of his boyhood and youth. He was twenty years of age at the time of his grandfather's death, after which he continued to carry on the farm for his grandmother until she died, when he was twenty-three years of age. He then removed to the farm which he now occupies in Liberty township, taking up his abode there in September, 1848. It has since been his place of residence, covering a period of more than half a century. In addition to this property he owns three lots in



the village of Baltimore and six shares in the Basil cemetery.

In 1847 Mr. Macklin was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Rodabaugh, and to them thirteen children were born, eight of whom still survive: Peter, a resident of Pleasant township, Fairfield county; Perry, who is living with his father; Arvilla, the wife of John Dreeher, of Columbus; Susan, the wife of Samuel Mauger, of Liberty township; Polly, the wife of Charles Reese, of Basil; Octavia, the wife of Henry Weisner, of Pleasant township; Gela, the wife of Daniel Alt, of Liberty township; Almata, the wife of Isaac Maslin, who is living in Licking county, Ohio; Mrs. Martha Montgomery, deceased; Victorine, the wife of Henry Smoke; Selena, the wife of Lewis Sheer, of Illinois; Sarah Ann, the widow of Henry Yager; and one that died in infancy. The mother of this family was a member of the Reformed church and died in that faith. After the death of his first wife Mr. Macklin married Mrs. Jane Feeman, and they had one child, Charles, who is now deceased. After the death of his second wife Mr. Macklin wedded Mrs. Susan Saliday, who is also deceased. A devoted and faithful member of the Reformed church, Mr. Macklin has borne quite an active interest in its upbuilding and growth and has served as trustee, deacon and elder. In politics he is a Democrat and has filled the office of township trustee for four years. He is now living a retired life. Through a long period he was actively connected with agricultural interests in this county, but with advancing years he put aside business cares, which are now assumed by his son Perry. He is now

almost eighty years of age, but is a hale, hearty man, receiving the veneration and respect which are his due.

Perry Macklin, who resides upon the old family homestead, was born on this farm March 14, 1851, pursuing his education in the township schools. He has always remained here with the exception of the years 1876 and 1877, when he was in Illinois. He then returned to Ohio, and has since lived with his father and now has the care and management of the home place. He was married December 11, 1875, to Miss Sarah Smur, a native of Liberty township, and unto them two children have been born: Ora, the eldest, born October 28, 1873, pursued his preliminary education in the township schools, but afterward studied in the high school of Basil. He was married August 30, 1893, to Miss Charlotte Fitzer, who was born in Greenfield township, and they became the parents of four children, two of whom are now deceased, while the living are Hilo Fae and La Vanhe. Ethel Fern, the younger child of Perry Macklin, is with her parents. The father carries on general farming and stock raising with good success.

The subject of this review, Philip Macklin, his son Perry and his grandson Ora are all members of the Masonic lodge in Baltimore, and belong to the Order of the Eastern Star, together with the wives of the son and grandson. In their lives they are true to the teachings of this fraternity, which is based upon mutual helpfulness, kindness and charity. They are familiar with the tenets of the craft and are very loyal to its principles, being accounted valued members of





the organization with which they are identified. The family are also members of the Reformed church and Perry is serving as its trustee. Macklin, his son and grand-

son are likewise advocates of the Democracy, and the family sustains an unassailable reputation for all that is creditable in manhood.

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## WILLIAM JAMES HUNTER.

William J. Hunter, now living a retired life at 403 East King street, Lancaster, was born on the 15th of March, 1838, five miles west of that city in Hocking township, Fairfield county. He represents one of the old families of this portion of the state. His paternal grandfather, James Hunter, was born in Pennsylvania and acquired his early education in the schools there. He afterward removed to Virginia and in 1799 he came with the Reese brothers to Ohio, before the admission of the state into the Union. Here he entered a grant of land and the following year he brought his family from the Old Dominion to the Buckeye state, settling in what is now known as Hocking township, Fairfield county, about one mile west of Lancaster. In the fall of 1799 he was married to Miss Margaret Reese, a native of Virginia, and they became the parents of four children, Thomas, James, Hannah and a child who died in infancy. On arriving in this county Mr. Hunter had entered one hundred sixty acres of land from the government and from the wild tract began the development of farm, which, as the years advanced, became a

valuable property. He engaged in teaching school for a number of years, being the first school master of the county, and during the summer months his attention was given to the work of the fields. After some years he sold his first property and bought another quarter section of land at a distance more remote from Lancaster. Upon the second farm he spent his remaining days. His political affiliations were with the Whig party and in religious faith he was a Methodist.

James Hunter, the father of our subject, was born on the old family homestead one mile west of Lancaster, the place standing near what is known as Hunter's Run. His natal day was October 25, 1808. At the usual age he entered school, which was held in an old log building in Hocking township. Educational privileges then were as primitive as the structure which was used as a school house, but his training at farm work was not meager, and at the early age of fourteen years he began to learn the trade of shoemaking, serving a seven years' apprenticeship. He became quite expert at the work, however, and when five years had



passed was put upon a salary. He continued to follow shoemaking until his marriage, at which time he removed to a farm and carried on agricultural pursuits until 1862, when he sold that property and bought another tract of land three miles north of Lancaster. From the time of his marriage until his life's labors were ended he engaged in the tilling of the soil and the improvement of his farm and his labors brought to him creditable success. As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Mr. Hunter chose Miss Abigail Gilmore, a native of Licking county, Ohio. Their marriage was blessed with eight children: Nancy, the widow of Jacob Lamb; Dilihla, the wife of Daniel Smith, of Pleasant township, Fairfield county; George, a resident of Bloom township; Emily, now deceased; William James, the subject of this review; John Amos, who has also passed away; Milton, a resident of Illinois; and Mary Jane, who has departed this life. The parents held membership in the Methodist church and were devoted Christian people, who early instilled into the minds of their children, lessons of industry and honesty. In his political views Mr. Hunter was a pronounced Republican and took a deep interest in the success and growth of his party principles.

In the common schools of Pleasant and Hocking townships, William James Hunter acquired his education and afterward engaged in teaching for two years in a little room sixteen by twenty feet. There were eighty-five pupils and when a spelling match was held they would have to stand

in front of one another, as there was not room enough to stand in a single row. When twenty-three years of age Mr. Hunter began farming and seven years later he purchased a farm comprising ninety-three acres of rich and arable land, which is in a high state of cultivation and is now operated by his son Merrill. Mr. Hunter erected his residence, which at that time was one of the best farm houses in the country. On the 1st of April, 1902, he purchased property in Lancaster, where he now lives, retired from business cares.

In 1860 occurred the marriage of Mr. Hunter and Miss Mary Alice Grier, a native of Pleasant township, Fairfield county, and to them have been born ten children, of whom seven are yet living: Cora, the wife of S. Ward, of Lancaster; Blanch, who married Charles Friend, of Richland township; Lulu Maud, who married Colson Linville, of East Rushville; Carrie, who became the wife of Frank McFarland, of Lancaster; John Grier, a resident of Lancaster; Merrill, on the home farm; and William Relna, also residing in Lancaster. The oldest child, G. M. Hunter, spent the last ten years of his life preaching in the Ohio conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and died, at the age of thirty-five years.

In his political views Mr. Hunter is a stalwart Republican and has firm faith in the principles of the party as being most conducive to good government. He has held a number of local offices, including that of trustee and school commissioner. He has also been executor and administrator in the settlement of a number of estates, and has



been called upon to act as guardian. Throughout his entire life he has resided in Fairfield county and though his career has not been marked by any events of exciting interest he has yet been ever true to

his duty, to every trust reposed in him and to his obligations of citizenship, and as a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family he well deserves mention in this volume.

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### JABEZ HEDGES.

Jabez Hedges was formerly connected with agricultural interests in Fairfield county, but is now identified with building and real estate business in Lancaster. He possesses the enterprising spirit so typical of America, has keen insight into business affairs, is progressive and energetic, and these qualities always form the foundation of success along such lines. Mr. Hedges has won a place among the substantial residents of Fairfield county.

He is numbered among Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Pickaway county, upon his father's farm near Nashville, September 4, 1846. His parents were Samuel and Lucinda (Hutton) Hedges. The former was born in Pickaway county in 1822, and there was reared to manhood and spent the greater part of his life, becoming a prosperous farmer, who carefully tilled his fields, and as the result of his labors won prosperity. He died in Fairfield county in 1888, having removed to this portion of the state a few years prior to his death. His wife was a native of Greenfield township, Fairfield county, born in

1824. The Hutton family was for many years connected with Virginia, but her father, John Hutton, removed to Fairfield county, Ohio, becoming one of the pioneer settlers here. Unto Samuel and Lucinda Hedges were born five children, namely: Jabez, of this review; Evelyin; Cynthia; Charles, residing in Jasper county, Iowa; and Edson.

A retrospective view of the early life of Jabez Hedges presents him as a student in the village schools of Baltimore. He enjoyed the pleasures of the play ground in the usual manner of farmer lads of the period, and after completing his education he engaged in stock business in Perry and Fairfield counties. Subsequently he spent some time in Iowa, where he invested in real estate, and upon his return to Ohio, he settled in Violet township, Fairfield county, where he purchased two hundred acres of land, which he still owns. This land is now rented and the rental materially increases his income. In 1889 Mr. Hedges took up his abode in Lancaster, where he is engaged in real estate dealing. He has



also erected a number of houses, some of which he has sold, while others he rents. He has a broad and accurate knowledge of realty values, and keen discrimination and judgment enables him to make judicious investments, whereby his financial resources have been materially increased.

In 1878 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hedges and Miss Lydia L. Shaffer, of Fairfield county, Ohio, a daughter of Harrison Shaffer, who belonged to an old and well known family of this county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hedges are acceptable members of the First Presbyterian church of Lancaster and the hospitality of many of the best homes is freely extended to them. They reside at No. 1011 North Columbus street, where they have a fine residence. In

his political views Mr. Hedges is a Democrat and while he has never sought or desired office, he is deeply interested in the success of his party and keeping well informed on the issues of the day, is able to support his position by intelligent arguments. All enterprises which have for their object the general good of the community receive his endorsement and many have benefited by his co-operation. His business career has at all times been commendable. He has placed his dependence upon the substantial qualities of diligence, perseverance and honesty, and steadily has he worked his way upward until to-day he is the possessor of a handsome competence and also enjoys the merited respect of his fellow men.

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## DAVID BROBST.

David Brobst, deceased, was for many years an honored and highly respected citizen of Fairfield county, Ohio. He was born on the 10th of March, 1821, in Bloom township, where he spent his entire life, and represented one of the first families in the county. He established the postoffice at Marey and there engaged in merchandising, building up an extensive trade, his patronage steadily increasing as the years passed by. He also engaged in buying wool on a very large scale, controlling that trade through a wide area. He also dealt in clover

seed and in the various branches of his business he met with excellent success, his efforts being attended by a high degree of prosperity. In politics he generally supported the Republican party and in religious belief was a Lutheran, holding membership in Trinity church of Marey. Mr. Brobst passed away in 1895, at the age of seventy years, and in his death the community realized that it had lost one of its valued citizens. He was a very active and influential man and his efforts had been of practical benefit to the community as well as to him-





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self and family, while his life was at all times consistent with upright business principles and manly conduct.

Mr. Brobst was twice married, his first wife being Leigh Culp, and to them were born eight daughters, namely: Manerva, Malinda, Pauline, Emma, Alice, Sarah, Mary and Fannie. On the 19th of September, 1876, Mr. Brobst was united in marriage to Miss Cilicia Dove, who was also born in Bloom township in 1846, and is a representative of one of its old and respected families, being a daughter of Elijah and Mary (Small) Dove, the former a native of Bloom township and the latter of Pennsylvania. Her paternal grandfather was Henry Dove, who possessed a most wonderful memory. The family was founded in Fairfield county at an early period in its development and became one of prominence in Bloom township. The parents of Mrs. Brobst were people of religious convictions and earnest Christians, commanding the respect of all with whom they were associated. Mr. Dove carried on agricultural pursuits and was well known in po-

litical circles, holding a number of township offices, in which he discharged his duties in a very prompt and faithful manner. He died in December, 1896, at the age of eighty-four years, having survived his wife, who passed away on the 1st of September, 1884, at the age of sixty-four years. She became the mother of fifteen children, thirteen of whom reached years of maturity, and ten of the number are now living.

Mrs. Brobst spent her girlhood under the parental roof, where she became familiar with the duties of the household. Since her husband's death she has conducted the business which he left and is now enjoying a good trade. She carries a complete stock of merchandise and her earnest desire to please, her fair prices and good business methods have won for her very gratifying and creditable success. She also has charge of the postoffice. She is a lady of unusual ability, possessing business and executive force as well as the graces of social life, which render her a favorite in social circles.

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## JOSEPH D. SHUMAN.

Joseph D. Shuman is extensively engaged in farming and stock-dealing, his home being on section 28, Pleasant township, Fairfield county. His has been an honorable and successful career, his pros-

perity coming to him as a direct return of his own well directed labors. He was born on the 22nd of September, 1851, in York county, Pennsylvania. His father, Joseph Shuman, was also a native of the Keystone



state, his birth having occurred in Chester county on the 21st of June, 1814. During his boyhood his parents removed to York county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared and married, the lady of his choice being Elizabeth Deitz. They became the parents of six children: Maria, Phoebe and Eliza all died in early womanhood; Magdalena became the wife of David Spitler, but is now deceased; and William H. died in 1899.

Joseph D., the other member of the family, was reared under the parental roof until fifteen years of age, when he left the home farm and went to York, Pennsylvania. There he learned the carpenter and cabinet maker's trade, serving a three years' apprenticeship, during which time he gained an accurate and comprehensive knowledge of the business. The year 1869 witnessed his arrival in Ohio. He took up his abode in Lancaster and worked at the builder's trade for five years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to farming. At a later date he also engaged in the butchering business, but after eight years he abandoned the latter pursuit and in addition to farming engaged in buying and shipping cattle. He is one of the largest dealers in live stock in this portion of the state. On one occasion he had five hundred cattle contracted for, these to be delivered within thirty days. He and his partner shipped as high as twelve hundred and fifty-nine cattle inside of sixty days and their business in this line reaches two hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually. Mr. Shuman is an excellent judge of stock,

as well as a progressive and enterprising business man and his efforts have resulted in bringing to him a large measure of success.

In 1874 occurred the marriage of Joseph D. Shuman and Miss Julia Macklin, a representative of one of the oldest families of this portion of the state. Her paternal grandfather, Jacob Macklin, was born in Pennsylvania and in the fall of 1799 came to Ohio, where with a land warrant he secured a large tract of land, including a one-hundred-and-thirty-five-acre farm, which is now the home of our subject and his wife. After entering this land Mr. Macklin returned to Pennsylvania and in the spring of 1800 came to Ohio, accompanied by the Harmon and Bonsey families. They arrived in Fairfield county and settled in what is now Pleasant township. Here Mr. Macklin married Catherine Foster and they became the parents of six children: Polly married Benjamin Huber and both died in Findlay, Ohio; Sarah became the wife of Emanuel Arnold and they reside on the Maumee river, near Grand Rapids, Ohio; Phoebe became the wife of Benjamin Deitz, a farmer, but both are now deceased; Lydia married Eli Shaeffer, an agriculturist, and they too have passed away; Jesse carried on agricultural pursuits and is now deceased. The youngest member of the family was Benjamin S. Macklin, the father of Mrs. Shuman. He was born on the farm where our subject now resides on the 12th of September, 1821. Here he led a quiet, industrious life, actively engaged in the tilling of the soil until called to his final rest on the 8th



day of May, 1901. He married Maria Frank, a daughter of Jacob Frank, who was a farmer of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was of German descent. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Macklin three children were born: Sarah, Benjamin F., a farmer now residing on section 28, Pleasant township; and Julia A., the wife of Mr. Shuman.

The marriage of our subject and his wife has been blessed with two daughters; Nel-

lie M. and Gertie Dell, both of whom are young ladies residing at home. The family is one of prominence in the community and the circle of their friends is extensive. From the age of fifteen years Mr. Shuman has made his own way in the world and truly deserves to be numbered among the honored self-made men, for he has placed his dependence upon energy, perseverance and industry and these qualities have made him one of the substantial citizens of the community.

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### WILLIAM C. LEWIS, M. D.

Dr. Lewis has long maintained a leading position in the ranks of the medical fraternity of Fairfield county and is also known as a valued citizen and a man whose social worth is widely recognized. He was born in Rushville, in the year 1834, his natal day being the 1st of June. His father, William Barnes Lewis, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, December 26, 1799. The grandfather John Lewis, was born in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. He became one of the early settlers of Lancaster county and there was born unto him and his wife the following children: John W., Frank, Wilson, William B. and Eliza Ann. Removing to Ohio the grandfather settled in Rushville at an early day. For many years he kept the toll-gate and was a well known figure in the public life of this county, his ac-

quaintance being very extensive while his friends included almost all with whom he came in contact. He lived to the very advanced age of ninety-two years, and at his death the county lost one of its honored pioneer settlers. The father of our subject pursued his early education in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in one of the old-time log school houses, but his privileges were not very extensive and his knowledge was largely acquired through extensive reading after leaving the school room. He was a man of good mind and excellent ability. In 1818 he became a resident of Fairfield county, Ohio, settling in Rushville and there he met with splendid success in his undertakings, accumulating a large capital. He was a carpenter, contractor and builder and among the residences which he erected in Rushville are some which are still stand-





ing to-day. During the financial panic of 1839 he loaned much money and lost a large amount because of the stringency of the times. He made strenuous efforts, however, to regain his lost funds and from 1841 until 1844 was engaged in the tobacco business, meeting with creditable success in that undertaking.

In the year 1831, William Barnes Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Susan Coulson, a native of Pennsylvania, born of Quaker parentage. She later joined the Methodist church, however, and was actively identified with that determination for many years. Her husband was a member of the same church and both lived earnest, Christian lives. Unto them were born nine children and with one exception all are yet living: Caroline is the widow of A. D. Fink, and resides in Somerset. The Doctor is the second of the family. Lydia is now deceased. Louisa R. is the widow of George Flegel. John W. is living in Rushville. Virginia is the wife of George Book, of Rushville. Frank resides near the town. Emma is living in northern Ohio. Susan is the widow of Doctor Hite, of Thornville, and is now remarried. The father of this family built the residence in which the Doctor is now living, but spent his last days in a residence opposite which he also erected in 1831. In early life he was identified with the Whig party, but subsequently became a Democrat. For a number of years he filled the office of justice of the peace, was also collector, and served for two terms as mayor of the village, his political record being a most creditable one. He was also loyal to

public interests when not filling any political position and co-operated in every movement for the general good along the lines of substantial progress. His life was ever honorable and upright and he was found as a worthy member of the church and also of the Masonic fraternity, which is based upon the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

Dr. Lewis of this review is indebted to the common-school system of this neighborhood for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He was a student in the district schools of Richland township until he was twelve years of age. After that time he had no educational privileges, but to a mind as alert and receptive education comes oftentimes without the aid of school instruction, and through reading, observation and investigation the Doctor continually added to his knowledge and has long been recognized as a gentleman of more than the average intelligence. At the age of twelve he began working with his father, with whom he remained for four years, and then commenced teaching school at the age of seventeen. He was the teacher of the first high school of Rushville. He had a thirst for knowledge which he gratified by reading and study in the evenings after the work of the day was done. As an educator he was successful, his methods of instruction being such as to impress the minds of his pupils. While engaged in teaching he also took up the study of medicine, being at that time twenty-three years of age. For about six years he devoted his evenings to proper reading along that line under the direction of Dr.



Hyde, and subsequently matriculated in the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery. In 1869 he was examined by the Ohio State Medical Society, was graduated with honors and became an honorary member of the society. The Doctor began practice in Perry county. In 1867 he returned to Rushville, where he has since remained. He soon secured a large patronage and for many years has been the loved and trusted family physician in many a household. He has ever continued a close and earnest student of his profession, and has written largely for the magazines, giving to the medical fraternity the benefit of his own investigations and knowledge acquired through active practice.

In 1858 the Doctor was married to Miss

Flora P. Friend, a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, and to them have been born three children: Dr. W. G. Lewis, of Mount Sterling, this state; Frank E., who is living in Rushville and is engaged in the general mercantile business; and Ella, the wife of A. L. Baker, a resident of Lancaster. Throughout his entire life Dr. Lewis has resided in Rushville, with the exception of seven years spent in Perry county. His history is therefore largely familiar to many of its citizens and in the record there are no turned down pages. It is a book which all may read. Prominent in his profession, well liked in social circles, he is now esteemed and honored throughout the community in which he has made his home for so many years.

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## WILLIAM H. STRODE.

William H. Strode is a native son of Fairfield county, a valued citizen and representative agriculturist, and at the time of the Civil war was a loyal defender of the Union cause. His birth occurred in Hocking township, on the 17th of March, 1840, his parents being George H. and Rebecca (Arnold) Strode. The father was born January 19, 1799, in Berkeley county, West Virginia, and with his father, Edward Strode, who was born November 3, 1764, came to Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1804. The latter was a son of Jeremiah Strode,

who was a native of Virginia, where he was born July 4, 1732. After arriving at years of maturity George H. Strode married Rebecca Arnold a daughter of Daniel Arnold, the wedding being celebrated September 6, 1829. The following year the young couple removed to Lancaster and Mr. Strode entered the tanyard of his father-in-law, there learning the tanning trade. After two years' apprenticeship he removed to his father's farm in Hocking township and carried on the tanning business in connection with the cultivation of the fields.



His life was an active and useful one. He abandoned the tanning business about 1855, after which he devoted his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. He had three hundred acres of land which he improved, thus becoming the owner of one of the most valuable farms in Hocking township. Both he and his wife were devoted and faithful members of the Methodist church. His death occurred February 5, 1876, on the old farm, and his wife passed away in 1896. For several years before her death she made her home with her children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Strode were born eight children, four sons and four daughters, and of the number four are yet living. Thomas, who resides in Hocking township, is a farmer and is also a director in the Fairfield County Bank. James, who served in the Seventeenth Ohio Infantry for four years during the Civil war, was afterward superintendent of the state house of Columbus, filling that position to the time of his death, which occurred in 1900. Elizabeth became the wife of Robert D. Cunningham, a farmer of Hocking township, and died in 1868, leaving three children: George S., a lawyer of Lancaster; Henry, a farmer of Hocking township; and Laura, the wife of Pascal Shaw, also an agriculturist of Hocking township. Kate, the fourth member of the Strode family, is the wife of Peter G. Crumley, of Hocking township, where he follows farming, and they have one child, Clarence. William H. is the fifth in order of birth. Rebecca is the wife of Daniel Crumley, a farmer of Hocking township and they have four children: Blanche, Cloise, Ralph and Glen. Nancy became the

wife of Daniel Halderman, of Lancaster, and died leaving five children: Ouida, Lotta, George, Lela and Boyd. George H., the youngest member of the family, died in 1870 at the age of twenty-four years. He was a farmer by occupation.

William H. Strode, whose name introduces this record, obtained his early education in the district schools of his township and in his youth assisted his father upon the home farm, where he has always remained. At the time of the Civil war he offered his services to the government, enlisting in 1862 as a member of Company D, Ninetieth Ohio Infantry, with which he served for two years and ten months, being then honorably discharged at Nashville, Tennessee. He had been promoted in the meantime to the rank of sergeant. He took part in the battle of Chickamauga, and in all the engagements of the Atlanta campaign up to and including the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, where he was wounded. He, however, remained in the service until the close of the war, but was confined in the hospital during the latter part of the time. Returning to the north he resumed work upon the old homestead and has since engaged in general farming and stock raising, owning and operating one hundred and two acres of the old home farm. He has since remodeled the house and has made many other modern and substantial improvements which indicate that the owner is a progressive and wide-awake man. His fields are carefully tilled and return to him golden harvests for his labors, and as the years pass he is continually adding to his capital.

On the 27th of November, 1866, Mr.



Strode was united in marriage to Miss Laura J. Fink, a daughter of William and Mary Fink, of Pleasant township, both of whom are now deceased. Her father was a farmer and at an early day came to Ohio from Virginia, which was the state of his nativity. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Strode have been born four children. Brezetta is the wife of Edwin Beck, a farmer of Hocking township, and they have three children: Mabel, Ruth and Mary. Harvey G. travels for a Columbus firm. Octavia is the wife of C. W. McCray, a farmer of Hocking township and they have three children: Annabel, Leon and Ronald. Mamie, the youngest of the family, is the wife of Mer-

rill Hunter, an agriculturist of Pleasant township. All of the children were born on the old home place, where Mr. Strode and his wife are yet living. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Ben Butterfield Post, No. 77, of Lancaster, and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. In politics he is a Republican, and is deeply interested in the success of the party, but never seeks office. All through his life he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits and his thorough understanding of the business, supplemented by diligence and enterprise have made him a capable and successful agriculturist.

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### FRANK J. BOVING.

Frank J. Boving, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, has resided upon his present farm since birth. He was born on the 17th of January, 1851, and is a son of George William Boving, a native of Bremen, Germany, born May 5, 1800. He had three brothers and one sister, all of whom have now passed away. In the year 1848 he emigrated to Fairfield county, Ohio, locating on a farm now owned by his son, Frank J., in Bloom township. There was some timber upon the place and Mr. Boving, with characteristic energy, began to clear and develop the land. He had been educated in his native city and at the age of

sixteen was placed in charge of a large farm in the capacity of superintendent, so that his broad experience enabled him to successfully carry on agricultural pursuits on his own account. He was twice married. In 1833 he wedded Sophia Pileging and unto them were born four children, all of whom are now deceased. The mother passed away in 1847 and in 1849 Mr. Boving was again married, his second union being with Amalia Paran, of Woolsanger, Germany, the ceremony being celebrated in Lancaster, Ohio. Four children were born of this marriage, but two of the number are deceased, Harry R., a jeweler of Lancaster,





being the younger of the living sons. The father died May 25, 1890, after a long residence in Fairfield county, during which time he won many friends by reason of his upright character.

In the district schools of Fairfield county, Frank J. Boving pursued his education and his business training was received upon the home farm, where he early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. In 1879 he was united in marriage to Dora Schaer, a daughter of August Schaer, who came from Hanover, Germany, to the United States. In 1844 he took up his abode in Bloom township, Fairfield county, where he lived until seventy-four years of age, passing away in 1886. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Augusta Fromme, died in 1890 at the age of sixty-two years. They were the parents of six children, all of whom are yet living, namely: Ida, the wife of Justus Gromme, of Lancaster; Mrs. Boving; Edward G., who is living in Bloom township; Frank G., of Violet township; Mrs. Antonia Alspach, of Columbus; and

Amelia, a resident of Carroll. The father was a well educated man and an extensive reader, keeping well informed on all the issues and questions of the day. He held membership in the Lutheran church, was always one of its officers and for a long time served as its treasurer. He was a popular citizen owing to his genial disposition and reliability in all the walks of life.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Boving was blessed with three children, but August, their first born, his natal day being September 3, 1880, died in infancy. The others are Antonia, born November 22, 1886, and Louis Walter, born August 7, 1890. The parents hold membership in the Zion Evangelical church, of which Mr. Boving is serving as treasurer. They contribute liberally to its support and are well known people of the community, having many friends throughout Fairfield county. In his business undertakings Mr. Boving has met with creditable and deserved success. He has realized that industry is the foundation of all prosperity and with unrenmitting diligence he has carried on his farm work.

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### SAMUEL A. GRISWOLD.

While Samuel A. Griswold did not attain to any position of especial prominence or political importance, there was probably no private citizen of Lancaster who exerted a stronger or more beneficial influence than

he who is the subject of this memoir, on account of his calm, clear, unbiased judgment, his honorable purpose, his keen insight into affairs of the day and into future possibilities, and his unfaltering fidelity to what





*S. A. Griewold.*



he believed to be right. So devoted was he to family and friends that he has made them feel that

"He was a man, take him for all in all;  
I shall not look upon his like again."

Samuel Alexander Griswold was born in Columbus, Ohio, February 18, 1815, of Connecticut parentage, and is said to have been the first white child born in that city after it was made the state capital. His parents, Judge Ezra and Philecta (Cooke) Griswold, of Delaware, Ohio, were among the first settlers of Franklin county, the Griswolds arriving from Tariffville, Connecticut, in 1803, while the Cookes came about ten years later. They were married in Worthington, Ohio, in 1814, and Judge Griswold was one of the firm which founded the Ohio State Journal, and both before and after this he published papers at Worthington and Delaware, Ohio, being at one time the owner and proprietor of the Gazette published in the latter city. He died at the old homestead in Delaware in 1863, and his wife passed away in Brooklyn, New York, at the home of her adopted daughter, Mrs. Lester Roberts, sixteen years later. Judge Griswold was more than an ordinary man. He was a rigid disciplinarian, coming, as he did, from the rugged but austere Pilgrim stock, and principles of honesty and fair dealing were early inculcated in his nature. His extreme justice and fairness made him honored by all and his death was a severe blow to his friends throughout the state.

When but three years of age our subject was taken by his parents to Worthington,

nine miles distant from his native city. During that year he was taught his letters and before his fifth year was regularly attending one of the private schools of the time and had become a good reader. During his sixth year he learned to set type in his father's printing office at Worthington, and in another year he was of considerable assistance as a compositor of the paper. From this time on he alternated between the printing office and private schools and academies of the period until his eighteenth year, when he entered the preparatory school connected with Kenyon College, at Gambier, Ohio. He completed his text-book education by an irregular college course terminating in 1835. In 1838 Mr. Griswold became the proprietor of the Tiffin Gazette, a small sheet which had maintained a very unsatisfactory existence for a few years. That paper he conducted through the memorable campaign of 1840, which ended in the election of General William Henry Harrison. Mr. Griswold continued at Tiffin until 1843.

In January, 1839, he had married Miss Ethelyn Kelley, of Delaware, Ohio, and they resided at Tiffin until 1844, during which time their two eldest children were born. In that year they removed to Marion, Ohio, where Mr. Griswold took charge of the Buckeye Eagle, a Whig paper which had just been established by T. P. Wallace and of which Mr. Griswold remained editor until about 1849, when the paper was sold. In that year our subject was appointed postmaster of Marion, under Zachary Taylor, and continued in the office until 1853. In that year he was defeated as a candidate for



sheriff of Marion county, but in 1854 was elected county auditor by a majority of two hundred and thirty-six over Richard Wilson, the Democratic candidate, who had been an invincible candidate for different offices for over thirty years. Mr. Griswold had been nominated by the Know-Nothing party without his knowledge and was elected almost before he knew that his name had been placed on the ticket. In 1856 he was re-elected and proved a most capable officer, and for two years he also served as justice of the peace. He was further identified with business affairs of Marion by serving for two years as bookkeeper and teller in the Bank of Marion.

The year 1861 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Griswold in Lancaster, where he resided up to the time of his death. He was first employed as superintendent of the pharotype plate factory owned by his brother, V. M. Griswold. From May, 1865, until January, 1866, he was employed as a clerk in the quarter-master's department of Sherman's army, at Raleigh, North Carolina, under General J. F. Boyd. Returning to Lancaster he purchased the interest of A. P. Miller in the Lancaster Gazette, assuming his editorial duties in February, 1866, being thus engaged up to the time of his death. For thirty years he ably conducted that paper, and after his retirement there appeared in an editorial the following:

"From the day of the appearance of his manly and forceful salutatory articles until his voluntary relinquishment of the chair of editor, in 1896, Mr. Griswold was the Ga-

zette's guiding spirit, placing the paper upon its present proud and prosperous position as a Republican organ."

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Griswold were born four daughters and three sons, and one daughter and one son, together with the mother, passed away several years prior to the death of Mr. Griswold. The surviving members of the family are Mrs. Ada Siford, Mrs. George Halderman, Mrs. I. Butterfield, of Fostoria, Ohio, S. G. V. Griswold, who is connected with the Omaha World, and H. W. Griswold. Mr. Griswold was most devoted to his family and friends, and had a pleasant, genial manner which made him a prime favorite with young and old, rich and poor. He was very prominent in public affairs tending to the welfare and contributing to the progress of the community. He served as secretary of Fairfield county Union party and in June, 1866, was a member of the Fairfield delegation of that party in the state convention at Columbus, Ohio, other delegates being Hocking H. Hunter, Colonel John M. Connell, C. M. S. Wiseman, C. F. Shaffer, A. P. Ashbrook, Josiah Flattery, Captain L. Pickering, John A. Feters, John A. Hunter. He was for many years the secretary of the Republican county committee and at the convention was the most prominent delegate in the promulgation of the party's platform. He was secretary of the Hocking Valley Horticultural Society for a long period and no movement or measure calculated to prove of general good sought his aid in vain.

Mr. Griswold died at two o'clock on Sunday morning of the 15th of October,





1899, after an illness of two weeks. A few hours prior to his death he summoned the members of his family who were within call and told them that the end was near. He retained his mental powers to the last and when he closed his eyes in the last sleep his passing away was so quiet and peaceful that those by his bedside hardly realized that the end had come. One who knew him long and intimately for many years and perhaps understood his character, his desires, his ambitions and his manhood better than any other person outside of his own family, said:

"Death has removed from our midst one of the best and purest men who have lived in Lancaster in the last thirty-eight years. He came to us in 1861, a modest, unknown man, in the prime of life, and soon took his place among the foremost and ablest men of Lancaster, and throughout his career here his modest, unobtrusive life was the admiration of all who knew him. He had known Charles Parsons, Edwin M. Stanton and President Hayes in his boyhood and was their schoolmate, and when these distinguished men had reached the zenith of their fame he was too modest to make this fact known in the columns of his paper. The high moral character of Mr. Griswold was one of his chief characteristics. In this respect he was a model for young men—for all men. The writer had been his neighbor for more than a quarter of a century and he never knew him to be guilty of a mean thing or of an act to bring the blush to the cheek of any of his friends. His high character is now the heritage of his children and

it will be forever enshrined in the memory and hearts of his friends."

The Gazette, in speaking of Mr. Griswold, who was so long an active factor in its publication, said:

"As a writer on subjects in which the common people were interested, and on matters of state and national concern, Mr. Griswold had but few equals. His style was plain and simple, but as clear and forceful as pure and puissant English could make it. Of keen perception, great analytical powers and with nothing but honesty of purpose and goodness of heart to sway him, his judgment of men and measures was invariably fulfilled and verified in succeeding events and results attained. \* \* \* His character was not one calling for eulogy on account of a brilliant public career; but it was one to be held by all who enjoyed his acquaintance and the products of his pen in a true regard and abiding remembrance, for the unostentatious influence of a good and pure life. It was not the torrent, madly rushing down the mountain-side, but rather the gentle river, whose silently majestic flow is the attribute of depth and volume, and which imparts richness and benefits on all sides as it flows."

Faultless in honor, fearless in conduct, stainless in reputation, such was the life record of Samuel Alexander Griswold. His scholarly attainments, his statesmanship, his reliable judgment and his charming powers of conversation would have enabled him to fill and grace any position however exalted, and he was not the less honored in public than loved in private life.



## IRA ASHBROOK.

Ira Ashbrook was born in Amanda township upon a farm noted for its well kept appearance, being an indication of his careful supervision and progressive methods of farming. His birth occurred May 16, 1856, and he represents an old Virginia family that was established in Fairfield county when this section of the state was but just emerging from primitive conditions. His paternal grandfather, William Ashbrook, was a native of Virginia, and in that state wedded Permelia Peters, who was also born in the Old Dominion. Thinking that he might provide a better home for his family and more readily acquire a comfortable living in the newer districts of the west he left his Virginia home and came to Ohio, Fairfield county being his destination. He settled in Amanda township, acquiring a tract of wild, unimproved land, and at once began clearing away the timber in order to cultivate the fields. As the years passed his labors bore to him good crops and his financial resources were increased. His home was in Amanda township. There, throughout his remaining days, he carried on agricultural pursuits, but he was called to his final rest at the comparatively early age of forty-five years. His wife, however, long survived him and reached the extreme old age of ninety-two years.

Among their children was William Ashbrook, the father of our subject, whose birth occurred here on the old family homestead. He too became a farmer. Early in life he became familiar with all the duties and la-

bors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. As the years passed more and more of the farm work developed upon him. He continued to make his home in Fairfield county until 1885, when he removed to Pickaway county, spending his last days in Ashville. He departed this life about two years ago and the community lost one of its honored and esteemed citizens, a man who was ever on the side of progress and improvement. He never sought or desired office, but was content to do his duty as a private citizen. His political support was given to the Republican party and he strongly endorsed its principles as best calculated to serve the interests of the nation. He was supporter of the Baptist church and his example was in many respects a noble one. He married Nancy Hedges and her death occurred about twelve years ago. She was born in Pickaway county and was a devoted wife and mother. In the family were seven children, the subject of this review being the sixth in order of birth.

Ira Ashbrook spent his early boyhood days in a manner not unusual to most boys of that period. He enjoyed the pleasures of the playground, performed the duties of the school-room and assisted in the work of cultivating field and meadow on the old homestead farm. To his father he gave the benefit of his services until he had attained his majority, when he started out in life on his own account. In 1882 he rented a farm which he cultivated for two years, and then purchased the place whereon



he was born, a tract of one hundred and thirty-two acres. Many improvements here found are the visible evidences of his progressive spirit and his life of activity. He is well known as a progressive agriculturist and his reliability in all trade transactions, and his course is dominated by an unflagging industry.

In 1882 occurred the marriage of Mr. Ashbrook and Miss Ida Ann Hutchins, of Amanda township, a daughter of Amos Hutchins, who is one of the highly esteemed citizens of Fairfield county. He makes his home upon a farm in Amanda township, and it was in this township that his birth occurred January 11, 1834. His parents were John and Rebecca (Dysinger) Hutchins, the former born in Maryland, whence he came to Ohio at an early day, locating in Amanda township, Fairfield county. Here he engaged in farming and stock-raising, and throughout the remainder of his life made his home in Amanda township, but three years ago he was called to his final rest. He held the office of township treasurer for several years and was a leading and influential citizen, worthy of the highest regard of his fellow men. He became the owner of four hundred and seventy-five acres of land, all of which he placed under cultivation. His political support was given the Democracy. His wife passed away some years previous to the death of her husband. She was a native of Fairfield county and a daughter of George Dysinger, one of the honored and pioneer settlers of this portion of the state. Amos Hutchins was one of a family of six children, four of whom are yet living. He has also resided in Fair-

field county and to the public-school system he is indebted for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. His farm training was received under his father's direction on the old family homestead, and there he remained until a short time before attaining his majority, when he started out in life upon his own account. He had no capital with which to purchase land and for a number of years he rented a farm, but at length, having acquired a considerable sum of money, he purchased one hundred and seventy-five acres of land, upon which he erected a large brick dwelling house in 1882. He also made other substantial improvements, and his is now one of the model country homes of this portion of the state. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. Amos Hutchins married Lavinia Phillips, a daughter of Daniel Phillips, of Pickaway county, a prominent and progressive farmer, who died there at an advanced age. Mrs. Hutchins died upon the old home place in 1883. She was a member of the Lutheran church, to which Mr. Hutchins also belongs, and in her family life she was a most kind and considerate wife and mother, finding her greatest happiness in promoting the welfare and comfort of her husband and children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins were born six children: Henry died at the age of sixteen years. Vallandigham died at the age of eighteen years. Charles, a resident farmer of Licking county, Ohio, married Minnie Williamson, of Amanda township, a daughter of Jabez and Rebecca J. (Harri-



son) Williamson. They had four children: Hazel, Homer, Ida Ethel and Mary. Ida is the wife of Ira Ashbrook, the subject of this review. Isaac resides upon the old home place, devoting his energies to farming. John is associated with his brother in agricultural pursuits.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ashbrook has been blessed with four children: Edna L., Agnes B., Florence M. and A. Raymond, all of whom were born on the old home farm and are still with their parents. Mr.

Ashbrook gives his political support to the Republican party, and keeps well informed on the issues and questions of the day, but has never been an office seeker. He supports the Lutheran church and his hearty co-operation is given to all measures that are for the general good. His name is a synonym for integrity in business affairs, and throughout the county of his nativity wherever he is known he is greatly esteemed for his sterling worth and high moral character.

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### JOHN T. BUSBY.

The life history of Judge John Theodore Busby is that of one who is a high type of our American manhood—straight-forward and honorable in business, public-spirited and enterprising, and in public office placing the good of the community before self-aggrandizement. For almost forty years he was continuously in public office and over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. There is particular satisfaction in reverting to his history, for his mind bears the impress of the historic annals of the state from the early pioneer days. He was born in the village of Royalton, Fairfield county, on the 25th of September, 1827, and on the paternal side is of Irish descent and on the maternal of German lineage. His great-grandfather, John Busby, was a na-

tive of Ireland and married Miss Mary Stevens, a native of Scotland. He became the founder of the family in America, as well as the first representative of the name in this county. By trade he was a carpenter and carried on business along that line throughout his entire life in order to provide for his family. His death occurred in the village of Royalton in the year 1810.

Samuel S. Busby, the father of our subject, was born in Royalton, January 28, 1798,—before the admission of Ohio into the Union. He was a machinist and farmer and was a representative and valued citizen of the community in pioneer times. After arriving at years of maturity he first married Catherine Trone, in 1819, and after her death married Ann Maria Feters, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania,





and came to Fairfield county, Ohio, with her parents, John and Elizabeth (Dabler) Fetters, when a child. It was in the year 1803 that her parents emigrated westward and cast in their lot with the first settlers of this portion of the state. Their first home was built of logs with a mud and stick chimney and the furnishings were of a most primitive character, but pioneer conditions were eventually replaced by the comforts and conveniences of an older civilization and the pioneer families of which the Judge is a representative became possessed of good homes and valuable farms. His father died in this county in 1835 and his mother passed away in 1832, leaving three children: John T., of this review; George W., a minister of the Lutheran church; and Elizabeth, who died in childhood. Mr. Busby was again married, his third wife being Rachel Fetters.

The Judge was enabled to secure such educational discipline as was afforded by the public schools of an early day and later he attended a private school, while subsequent to that period he became a student in Lancaster, under the instruction of Professor Good. When he had completed his education he began working at the cabinet maker's trade, which he learned under the direction of Henry Shultz, and was thus associated with the improvement of Lancaster. After his marriage he settled on a farm in Pleasant township, Fairfield county, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he followed successfully for many years. His enterprise and diligence enabled him to gradually advance to the

plane of affluence and he is now accounted one of the substantial citizens of the county, having acquired a handsome competence, which now permits him to retire from active business life.

In the years of his early manhood Mr. Busby sought a companion and helpmate for the journey of life and was happily married to Miss Lavina Smetters, of Fairfield county, a daughter of George and Susan Smetters, honored pioneer people of this county. As the years passed eleven children were added to the household: Clara, the wife of James Robinson; Mary A., the wife of James Smith, of Walnut township; Samuel F., of Columbus, Ohio; Charles G., a farmer; James W., an operator for the Ohio Central Railroad Company; Susan M., at home; Lavina J., the deceased wife of Mathias Miller; John T., who acted as his father's deputy in the office of county treasurer, but is now deceased; Cora A., the wife of S. A. Krepps, an insurance agent of Columbus; Myrtle Belle, at home; and Sarah L., a clerk in the Lancaster County Bank. The wife and mother passed to the home beyond in 1896.

The Judge is an unfaltering adherent of the Democracy, endorsing the principles advocated by Jefferson. In early manhood he was elected justice of the peace and filled that position for twenty-five consecutive years, during which time a number of cases which he tried were appealed, but in no instance was his decision ever reversed. During this time he acquired a very thorough knowledge of common law. He afterward accepted the position of deputy county treas-



uerer and served for four years under H. A. Martens and for a similar period under Michael Hickie. Previous to that time he was for four years trustee of the infirmary and was one of its directors for three years. In 1884 he was elected probate judge of Fairfield county and received nineteen hundred votes—the largest number given to any man on the ticket. He assumed the duties of the office in February, 1885, for a term of three years, and in 1887 was re-elected to the same office, in which he served until February, 1891, covering six years, in which his fairness, impartiality and capability won him high commendation, as when a justice his decisions were never reversed. Such has been his official career—the account thereof being as an open book bearing the closest investigation and scrutiny. For some time Judge Busby was president of

the Fairfield County Agricultural Society and he belongs to Charity Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., in which he passed all the chairs. During the Civil war the Judge assisted in organizing a company of militia, of which he was captain. He was twice called out during the Morgan raid, but never was in an engagement, as Morgan soon retreated. He is a member and trustee of the Methodist church and his influence has ever been on the side of right and progress. He has now passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey, but still maintains an active interest in his native county. He has attained to a position of prominence in the county in which he was born and reared and in which he has retained his residence to the present time, being now one of the revered and venerable pioneers of the community.

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## WILLIAM SHARP.

Fortunate is the man who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and happy is he if his lines of life are cast in harmony therewith. The Sharp family has through almost an entire century been closely associated with the history of Fairfield county, its members taking a very prominent and active part in political and business affairs, their efforts being of marked value in advancing general progress. Through four generations the family has

been represented in the Ohio legislature, the paternal grandfather of our subject, Joseph Sharp, serving as a member of the first general assembly of this state. He was born in Pennsylvania and in 1802 emigrated to this state, casting in his lot with its pioneer settlers who were laying broad and deep the foundation for the present prosperity and progress of the community. He died on a farm one mile north of St. Clairsville.

Joseph Sharp, Jr., the father of our sub-





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ject, was born in the Keystone state, June 4, 1800, and was only two years old when brought by his parents to Ohio, where amid the wild scenes of the frontier he was reared, pursuing his education in the old-time log school house. The family first settled in Belmont county, where they lived for about twenty-one years. They then removed to Muskingum county and the father of our subject purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in the midst of the dense forest. He continued to make it his place of abode through the succeeding seventeen years, going then to Taylorsville, where he built a dam across the Muskingum river. There he remained until coming to Fairfield county in 1839. Here he purchased the farm upon which William Sharp is now living. He made his way to this county in order to build the dam which is now known as Sharp's dam, and being pleased with the district he decided to remove his family to this place. In connection with the home farm he purchased the mill land, consisting of three hundred and twenty acres. In 1822 Joseph Sharp had been married to Miss Anna Lee, a native of Belmont county, Ohio, and they became the parents of eleven children, namely: Robert L., James and Joseph, who have all passed away; William, the subject of this sketch; Mary, who married Daniel Stuckey, of Sugar Grove; Agnes, who has also passed away; George, living about two miles east of Rushville; John, who resides near Pleasantville; and three children who died in infancy. Mr. Sharp exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democrat party and upon that ticket was

elected to the state legislature in 1843, proving to be an active working member of the body. He was also justice of the peace, school director and trustee, filling the latter position for a number of years. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church and he belonged to the Masonic lodge in Zanesville. He possessed great energy, determination and activity, and it was his constant desire to progress. In speech he was frank, in manner genial and cordial, and all who knew him were counted among his friends.

William Sharp was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, November 17, 1831, and obtained his mental discipline in the schools of Berne township and in Lancaster, where he remained until about seventeen years of age. He then gave his entire attention to farm work upon the old family homestead and after his marriage he purchased a farm about one mile from the old place, becoming owner of a tract of ninety-eight acres, which his well-directed labors transformed into rich and arable fields, returning to him excellent harvests.

The lady who presides over his home was in her maidenhood Miss Ellen J. Cutler, a native of Athens county, Ohio. The wedding was solemnized in 1859 and eight children have been born unto them: Charles C., a resident of West Virginia; Joseph, who resides on a farm adjoining his father's place; Thomas, who is at home with his father; Jennie, who resides in Nelsonville, Ohio; Frederick, also at home; William, who makes his home in California; John, a resident of Oregon; and Annie, who married R. J. Conrad, of Lancaster. In his





political views Mr. Sharp endorses the Democracy and has served as township treasurer, while for a number of years he has been township trustee. During one-half

of his life he has been connected with the school board, and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend who does all in his power for its advancement.

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### CLARENCE M. ROWLEE.

The efforts of Clarence M. Rowlee in the field of business activity have been of such a character as to promote the prosperity of the entire community. He is now the field superintendent of the Columbus (Ohio) Natural Gas & Fuel Company, with headquarters at Lancaster and for a number of years has been actively associated with the work of developing the gas regions of this portion of the state. He was born in Potter county, Pennsylvania, and pursued his education in the schools there. His parents, William and Mary (Bovier) Rowlee, were both natives of New York, but for many years resided in the Keystone state, where the father carried on agricultural pursuits.

Upon the home farm our subject was reared and early became familiar with the duties and labors of the fields. Later, however, he became connected with the oil fields of Pennsylvania, where for a time he was employed in the capacity of a clerk and afterward engaged in prospecting and operating. In 1885 he left the oil fields of Bradford, McKean county, Pennsylvania, disposing of his interests there and came to Ohio, where he inspected the gas fields in

and around Lima and for two years he worked there. Later he entered the employ of the Peoria, Decatur & Eastern Railroad, with headquarters at Mattoon, Illinois. After two years spent in this occupation he came to the vicinity of Lancaster and a short time afterward entered the employ of the Columbus (Ohio) Natural Gas Company, of which he was made the field superintendent. He was among the first to drill a well, which was sunk to the depth of two thousand feet and afterward to twenty-four hundred. This work was accomplished in 1889 and he, as a member, met with a fair degree of success. Not only the stockholders of the company but also outside parties became convinced that the gas belt of this portion of the state had been discovered. Improved machinery was purchased, pipe lines established and a reducing station built, Mr. Rowlee having supervision of all the departments of the operative work. His good judgment, coupled with long experience, has made him an efficient superintendent, who capably directs the work of fifty or sixty employes in the company's service. He now occupies a pleas-



ant office in the new Marten block of Lancaster and from that place directs all business. Under his capable management the enterprise has proven a profitable one and is doubtless in the beginning of its usefulness.

In 1890 Mr. Rowlee was united in marriage to Mrs. Julia Boyer, of Columbus, Ohio, who by her former husband, George Boyer, had a daughter, Helen. Mr. Rowlee is a prominent Mason and has passed beyond the degrees of Lancaster Lodge, No. 57, F. & A. M., becoming a member of the

chapter and the commandery of this place. He is also identified with Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 48, K. of P.; Chickasaw Tribe, No. 100, I. O. R. M., of Thurston; the Unity Senate, No. 25, of the Ancient Esenic Order, of Lancaster, and the K. O. T. M., No. 57, of Lancaster. Mr. Rowlee is a typical American citizen, enterprising, progressive and alert. He is constantly on the outlook for broader business opportunities and his capability has already secured to him a responsible position in the world of industrial activity.

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### CAPTAIN OLIVER B. BRANDT.

Man is never called upon to make a greater sacrifice than when he puts aside all business and personal relations, severs family ties and goes forth in defense of his country or of a people to face danger and perhaps death upon the field of battle, yet many thousands of the nation's bravest sons manifested their loyalty to the Union cause when the south attempted to set at naught the power of the national government in 1861. Captain Brandt was among those who joined the northern army and faithfully did he follow the call of duty wherever it led, his bravery and meritorious conduct winning him promotion until a captain's commission was conferred upon him. He is now numbered among the farmers and stock raisers of Fairfield county, his

home being on section 6, Greenfield township.

Captain Brandt was born March 26, 1838, in this county. His father, Adam Brandt, was born near Carlisle, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1800, a son of David Brandt, also a native of the Keystone state. When a youth of twelve years Adam Brandt was brought by his parents to Ohio, the family settling in Fairfield county in 1812, and as they were in limited financial circumstances he was early forced to earn his own livelihood and began learning the shoemaker's trade. Soon after attaining his majority he secured a small stock of men's heavy boots and with this started to the fields where a gang of workmen were employed in constructing a canal. There his



small stock was quickly sold and with the money thus obtained he purchased more leather and began making a new supply of boots, so that he deserves to be known as a pioneer boot and shoe manufacturer of this county. This was the foundation of his successful career. As he had a ready sale for these products of his labor he soon secured a surplus and this money he invested in one hundred and sixty acres of land, covered with a dense grove of timber. He then hired some men to clear the ground and prepare it for the plow. Among the stumps he planted apple, peach, pear and cherry trees and in a few years his place was known as the Fruit Ridge farm. He had one of the finest orchards of this part of the state and it yielded abundantly.

In 1806 there had come to Lancaster a family whose religious views had led them to liberate their slaves and for this they were ostracized by their neighbors in Virginia. On this account they decided to seek a home in the free west and thus the Cooper family was established in Lancaster. The father was a saddler by trade and fish a harness business in Fairfield county. it is claimed he was the first man to establish About 1819 his daughter, Rebecca Cooper, became the wife of Adam Brandt and unto them, as the years passed, were born seventeen children, nine sons and eight daughters, of whom fourteen reached years of maturity, while nine are still living. The hereditary strain in the family was manifested in the grandsons, for six of them were enrolled among the soldiers of the Union army fighting for the suppression of slavery, which the grandfather had op-

posed so many years before. The sons of Adam who wore the blue were Henry C., who died in February, 1895; Jonathan C., who is still living at the age of seventy-four years; Isaac, who resides in California, aged seventy-one; Oliver B., of this sketch; William J.; and Wesley L., who resides in Mitchellville, Iowa, aged sixty years. Three of the daughters also married soldiers of the Civil war, namely: Catherine, born in 1820, married Samuel Radabaugh and resides in Minnesota; Elizabeth, born in 1827, married Samuel Apt and resides in Kansas; and Rebecca, born in 1835, married S. S. Wiest and resides in Baltimore, Ohio. Thus this family was represented by nine loyal men who fought for the starry banner and the cause it represented. Of these William J. Brandt died in the service February 13, 1862, aged twenty-one; Jackson H., another son, died November 25, 1867. The other daughters were as follows: Martha, born September 10, 1833, is now the widow of Jacob Weaver and is a resident of Oklahoma Territory; Harriet, born December 25, 1836, is the wife of N. S. Ebright, of Carroll, Ohio; Mary M., born December 8, 1839, is the widow of Joseph Morley, and a resident of Kansas; and Emaliza, born December 31, 1846, died in 1878. Certainly Adam Brandt had cause to be proud of his posterity. In his farming operations he prospered. The Fruit Ridge farm, which he developed in the midst of the wilderness, became one of the most flourishing fruit farms in all this section of the country and its owner was honored and respected for his many good qualities. He lived to a ripe old age, being sev-



enty-four years when killed June 24, 1874, by falling from a tree. Mrs. Brandt died April 18, 1870, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Captain Oliver B. Brandt, whose name introduces this record, worked upon the home farm and under his father's direction until twenty-one years of age and when Abraham Lincoln issued his first call for seventy-five thousand men to serve for three months, thinking that the war would be over at that time. Oliver Brandt was among the first to be enrolled among the members of Company A, Seventeenth Ohio Infantry. On the expiration of term of enlistment, the regiment was reorganized and he became a member of Company F, with which he served for three years. From time to time he was promoted through the various ranks until in recognition of his loyal patriotism and military skill, he was commissioned captain. He participated in sixteen pitched battles and twelve skirmishes, and seven bullets pierced his clothing, while his sword was shot in two at the hilt in the battle of Chickamauga. On the second day of the engagement, while he was in command of the color company, a shell burst in their midst, killing and wounding many of his comrades. The enemy taking advantage of the havoc and confusion again charged in the column before they could rally, capturing Captain Brandt and many of his men. As a prisoner of war he was sent to Libby prison and later to Macon, Georgia. He was one of the Union soldiers to be sent to Charleston, South Carolina, the Confederates thinking if they placed many Union pris-

oners in that city that the Union forces would not attempt its destruction and would cease shelling the town for fear of killing their own unfortunate comrades, thus placing them under the fire of their own guns. It was fortunate that Captain Brandt had a strong constitution to withstand all the hardships and horrors of prison life. He managed, however, to keep in good health and was never on the sick list or had the aid of a physician or surgeon from the time he responded to President Lincoln's call until receiving his honorable discharge in July, 1865. His is certainly a creditable military record of which he has every reason to be proud. He was always found at his post of duty, which was often in the thickest of the fight, and he never hesitated or wavered in obeying a command and by his own bravery he inspired many of his company to like deeds of bravery and heroism.

Not long after his return home in March, 1866, Captain Brandt was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Holmes, a daughter of George W. Holmes, a farmer of Greenfield township. Six children have been born of this marriage, three sons and three daughters, namely: Nancy O., born in 1866, is now the wife of McClellan Martens, a hardware dealer of Lancaster; Ida R., born in 1868, resides at home; James M., born in 1870, married Dessa Lamb, a daughter of Hon. George Lamb, and resides in Fostoria, Ohio, where he is engaged in the agricultural implement business; Lulu, born in 1872, is with her parents; Harry H., born in 1874, is engaged in teaching school; and George W., born in





1877, assists his father in the management of the home farm. Captain Brandt has resided upon this place since his marriage and his home is made pleasant through the talent of his daughters, who have inherited their paternal grandfather's musical ability and love of flowers. The Brandt family is one that is highly esteemed in Fairfield county, and to his duties of citizenship the Captain is as true and loyal to-day as when he followed the starry banner of the nation through the south. In politics he is a

strong Republican; for thirty years has been an active worker for his party's interests; was chairman of the Republican county committee in 1890-2; and is now a member of the Republican central committee. He served as school director twenty-one years and in 1898 was in Columbus as a committee to look after the interests of the Carroll schools. Fraternally he is a prominent member of Ezra B. Ricketts Post, No. 246, G. A. R., of Carroll, of which he is past commander and is now adjutant.

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### RICHARD EVANS.

Richard Evans, now deceased, commanded the respect and confidence of his fellow men to an unusual degree, and when called to his final rest his death was widely and deeply mourned. He was a native of England and a son of David Evans, whose birth also occurred in the country in which he spent his entire life. He was a farmer by occupation and always carried on that pursuit in order to provide for his family. His wife died but a short time prior to the emigration of her son Richard to the new world. He had attended the public schools of his native country and when fifteen years of age he determined to make his home in the new world, having heard favorable reports of its opportunities and privileges. Accordingly he perfected his arrangements to sail for the United States and at length

landed at New York city, whence he made his way across the country to Ohio, settling first in Columbus. There he learned the painter's trade, which he followed for a number of years. He worked for the Hocking Valley Railroad Company in the capacity of painter for a long period. About 1889 he came to Fairfield county, settling in Hocking township, and with the capital he had acquired through his own energy and diligence he purchased eighty acres of land, on which he erected a large and substantial residence, thus making a home for himself and family. Throughout his remaining days he devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits and placed his land under a high state of cultivation, making it a rich and arable tract. When he arrived in Columbus he was but a youth and had only a capital





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of one dollar. He feared not the laborious devotion to work which is the foundation of all prosperity, and as the years passed he won success and provided most comfortably for his family.

On the 16th of November, 1882, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Orpha Spangler, who was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, a daughter of Charles and Betsey (Wolfard) Spangler. Her father was also a native of Pickaway county and resided there continuously until about fifteen years ago, when he came to Fairfield county, taking up his abode in Hocking township, where he still carries on agricultural pursuits. His wife has now passed away. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Evans has been blessed with four children, and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. Walter, the eldest, was born in Columbus, Franklin county, March 24, 1884, and now conducts the home farm, mani-

festing excellent business ability in his work. Clarence, born March 1, 1886, is employed in a shoe factory at Lancaster; and Myrtle, born September 22, 1889, and Nellie, September 23, 1892, are attending the public schools.

Mr. Evans was a man of strong domestic tastes, a devoted husband, a kind and loving father and he found his greatest happiness at his own fireside. In all his business relations he was upright and honorable and his methods would bear the closest inspection. He passed away April 23, 1900, and was laid to rest in Forest Rose cemetery in Lancaster, but he left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. His history proves conclusively that success is not a matter of genius, but is the legitimate outcome of persevering effort. His example is well worthy of emulation, for in all life's relations he shaped his course by honorable and moral principles.

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## WILLIAM W. WALKER.

The opportunities of business life are limitless in this free land where labor is not hampered by caste or class. Advancement depends upon a man's promotion, coming in recognition of skill and ability along a chosen line of endeavor. When one has attained to a position of responsibility, it is an indication of his diligence and capability and it is such qualities that have won Cap-

tain William W. Walker his present position as foreman of the carpenter department and as wreck master for the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad Company.

The Captain was born upon a farm in Wayne county, New York, February 22, 1837. His father, George H. Walker, was a native of England and when in his eight-



eenth year came to the United States, settling in Wayne county, New York. He was a carpenter by trade and followed that pursuit to a greater or less extent throughout his business career, but also extended his efforts to other lines of industrial activity. He engaged in the manufacture of native lumber, operating a small sawmill in Wayne county, New York, for a number of years. At length he determined to seek a home farther west, believing that he might have better business opportunities in a less thickly settled region where competition was not so great. Accordingly in October, 1841, he removed his family to Pike county, Ohio, where he remained for two years and then came to Fairfield county. He took up his abode in Berne township in the vicinity of Sugar Grove, where he engaged in carpentering and at the same time operated a sawmill on the waters of the Hocking river. A fragment of the old mill is still standing there, a landmark of the early days. Mr. Walker was a public-spirited man, active in the support of all that he believed would prove of general good. He was very generous and liberal and was much respected throughout the community in which he made his home. While living in Wayne county, New York, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Charlotte W. Lawson, a native of that county and a daughter of John Lawson. Both Mr. and Mrs. Walker held membership in the German Reformed church and their lives were in consistent harmony with its teachings and principles. They became the parents of fifteen children, eight sons and seven daughters. Two of the num-

ber died in infancy, but thirteen reached years of maturity. They were: William H.; Frederick G.; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Thomas Mock; George H., who resides in Clarksville; Mary J., who has passed away; Rose Ann; Florence; Benjamin and Edward L., twins, the latter now deceased; George W. and Benjamin F., who were also twins and have passed away; Adelaide, deceased; and Martha, the wife of William Hummil, of Fairfield county. The father of this family passed away in 1882, and his wife, surviving him for a number of years, was called to her final home in 1891.

Captain William H. Walker, whose name introduces this record, spent his boyhood days in the usual manner of farmer lads. The sun shone down upon many a field which he plowed and he continued his work in the fields until after crops were harvested in the autumn, when he would enter the district schools in the neighborhood and there pursue his studies until returning spring again called him to the work of the fields. As soon as he was old enough to assist his father in the mill he also gave a part of his attention to its operation and under his father's direction he learned the carpenter's trade. Together they worked until the Captain was twenty-one years of age.

He became deeply interested in the troubles which eventually involved the country in Civil war. In 1856 he went to the territory of Kansas, residing there a part of the time during the famous Kansas and Nebraska troubles. The unsettled state of business and politics there caused him to





return to Fairfield county, where he continued business with his father until after the inauguration of the Civil war. Hardly had the smoke from Fort Sumter's guns cleared away when he offered his services to the government, enlisting on the 19th of April, 1861, as a member of Company A, Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at the first call of President Lincoln for seventy-five thousand men. John M. Connell, of Lancaster, was in command of the regiment, which was ordered to Virginia and participated in the battle of Laurel Hill. On the expiration of the three months' term of service, September 30, 1861, Mr. Walker re-enlisted for three years, becoming a member of Company I of the same regiment with which he first went to the front. This command was ordered to Kentucky and its first engagement was at Wild Cat Mountain. Captain Walker participated in thirty-six regular engagements, including the battles of Missionary Ridge, Chickamauga, Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, the siege and fall of Atlanta, and the celebrated march of Sherman to the sea. He was in many engagements and often in the thickest of the fight, and at the battle of Missionary Ridge received a gunshot wound in the right leg; and again in front of Atlanta he was shot in both legs, which injury laid him up three months. During the battle of Kenesaw Mountain he was stabbed in the back of the head by a bayonet. In 1863 he was commissioned second lieutenant and in 1864 he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, while in 1865 he was promoted to captain and when mustered out was breveted major.

When the war was over Captain Walker

returned to Lancaster and resumed carpenter work. Soon after he entered the employ of the Cincinnati & Muskingum Railroad in the wood department of their various shops, and his diligence and capability won him promotion step by step until he was made foreman of the wood department and master of wreckage, having control of hundreds of miles and employing a number of gangs of men, who are employed in various ways.

In 1861 Captain Walker was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Mock, a daughter of David and Leah (LeMott) Mock. She was born and reared in Fairfield county and died in 1876, leaving three children: Durben W., who is employed in the railroad shops; Mina L., the wife of Michael Hankson; and Katie, who died at the age of eleven years.

For his second wife Captain Walker married Jane Hamilton, of Amanda, this county, the wedding being celebrated in 1879. She is a native of this county and a daughter of Jacob and Maria Hamilton. The children born of the second marriage are William Floyd, who is employed in the railroad shops; and Maria E., at home.

The Captain gives his political support to the Republican party and is a firm endorser of its principles. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and the last up to this time for William McKinley. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to public office and for thirteen years he was a member of the city council, representing the fifth ward. Fraternally he is connected with Alpine Lodge, No. 566, I. O. O. F., and



Hock Hocking Encampment, No. 28. He is also a member of the Knights of Honor; Benjamin Butterfield Post, No. 77. G. A. R.; Union Veteran Legion; and is chairman of the board of trustees in the Odd Fellows lodge. As has been truly remarked after all that may be done for a man in the way of giving him early opportunities for obtaining the requirements which are

sought in the public schools and books, he must essentially formulate, determine and give shape to his own character and this is what Mr. Walker has done. He has persevered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and has gained the most satisfactory reward. His life is exemplary in all respect and he well deserves representation in this volume.

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### JESSE ALLEN.

Jesse Allen is a prosperous farmer of Fairfield county, having more than three hundred acres of land in Amanda township. His is a valuable farm, attractive and pleasant in appearance, owing to the well kept condition of buildings and fields. He was born March 14, 1839, near Royalton, Ohio, and comes of an old New England family. The following we copy from "Pioneer Period and Pioneer People" of Fairfield county, published by C. M. S. Wiseman: "The Allen family has been prominent in Fairfield county for one hundred years. The pioneer, Dr. Silas Allen, was a man of education and character, and his descendants were numerous, and throughout their long career have maintained the reputation of their distinguished ancestors. Samuel Allen (the first) came to America from Bridgewater, Somerset county, England, in 1620, and settled in Braintree, Massachusetts. His wife's name was Ann, but we

can not give the surname. Their son, Samuel (the second) was born in 1632. A daughter, Sarah, was born in 1639 and married Joseph Standish, a son of Miles Standish, of the Mayflower. This Samuel (the second) married Sarah Partridge. Their son, Samuel (the third) was born in 1660. He married Rebecca Carey in 1685. Their son, Samuel (the fourth), was born in 1686. Their son, Timothy, was born in 1691 and was the grandfather of General Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame. Rebecca died in 1697 and Samuel (the third) married Mary Alden, a daughter of Joseph, a son of Captain John Alden, made famous by Longfellow in Miles Standish, and the first man to land on Plymouth Rock. To this union were born children, namely: Joseph, in 1701; Benjamin, in 1702; Mary, in 1704; Rebecca, in 1706; Mathew, in 1708; and Seth, in 1710. This family about the year 1727 moved to Connecticut and set-



tled at Norwich. Later they moved to Centerbury, Connecticut. At Norwich Joseph Allen married Rebecca Fuller, of Preston. Their son, Barnabus, was born February 24, 1729, at Norwich. Barnabus married Elizabeth Fuller, daughter of Randolph Fuller, in 1752. Their son, Silas, was born in 1754. He was educated and studied medicine. He married Mary Cleveland, daughter of Samuel Cleveland, May 16, 1776. She was a fourth cousin of Moses Cleveland, the founder of the city of Cleveland, Ohio. She was also related to Grover Cleveland's ancestors. Soon after their marriage, with others of their family, Dr. Allen and wife moved to Middletown, Vermont. Their children were: Samuel, Jared, Rebecca, Anna, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Annie, Jedadiah, who was born in 1781; and Whiting in 1782.

In the year 1800 Dr. Silas Allen with family and others, in all, forty, left Middletown, Connecticut, for the west, intending to go as far west as the Mississippi river. Arriving at Fairfield county, they found the country on Toby creek inviting and they concluded to remain there and became permanent settlers. In course of time Whiting and Benjamin Allen moved with families to Delaware county, Ohio, where they were prosperous and representative.

Whiting Allen married Mahitable Searle, one of a family of the forty emigrants mentioned. A descendant of this Searle family married a daughter of George Ewing of Iowa City, Iowa, and resides there in charge of a newspaper. Amos S. Thomas, of Lancaster, Ohio, is a great-grandson of Whiting Allen. Mrs. Evira

Mecker was a daughter of Lemuel Allen and died aged ninety-three. Dr. Silas Allen lived a useful life in his new home, reared and established a family, and at the age of seventy-one years, September 7, 1825, died. His body lies buried at Royalton.

Jedadiah Allen, the fourth son of Dr. Silas and Mary (Cleveland) Allen, and the grandfather of our subject, was born in Vermont, and at an early age came with his parents to Ohio, locating upon a farm in Amanda township, Fairfield county, that is now occupied by our subject. Here he lived and died devoting his energies to agricultural pursuits, engaging in stock raising on a very extensive scale. He was not only very successful but was also one of the most prominent and influential men of the community. He died at Royalton on the 5th of September, 1856, many friends mourning his loss while the community chronicled the death of one of its leading representatives. He married Sarah Bull about 1803 and the children born to them were: Rachel, born 1809; Howard, born 1811; and Lyman, born 1813. Rachel became the wife of Thomas Reber and died near Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

The parents of our subject were Howard and Sarah (Leist) Allen, the latter a daughter of John Leist. The former was born in Amanda township, Fairfield county, and throughout his life devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. He died at the comparatively early age of thirty-eight years. He was quite prosperous and left his family in comfortable circumstances. He held membership in the Methodist



church. His widow survived him for many years, passing away on the 25th of June, 1895, at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years, eleven months and six days. She was the mother of seven children, of whom one died in infancy, while four are yet living.

Jesse Allen was reared upon the old family homestead, his youth being passed in a manner similar to that of most boys of the period. He obtained his education in the common schools of the district. His father died when the son was only five years of age and Jesse Allen then assisted his mother in the work of the home farm until he had attained his majority. He then started out upon an independent business career and was employed as a farm hand by the month for two years. He afterward purchased the farm of Thomas Reber, in Amanda township, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, for which he paid nine thousand five hundred dollars, and soon afterward he sold this property for thirteen thousand five hundred dollars. He next purchased the property upon which he now lives, comprising one hundred and eighty-six acres, the price being fifteen thousand dollars. He added to this until he now has over three hundred acres of land under a very high state of cultivation. Many improvements upon this farm are an indication of his enterprise, capable management and progressive spirit. His is indeed one of the model places of the county and as the years pass it approaches more nearly to perfection. He also owns a number of village lots in Royalton. His time and attention have always been given to general

farming and stock raising and his thorough understanding of the business, his adaptation of improved methods to his work, and his unfaltering industry have brought to him very gratifying prosperity.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Allen joined the army in 1864, as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for one hundred days' service, and was mustered out at Zanesville on the expiration of his term. In his political views he is a Republican and while firmly endorsing the principles of the party has never been an office seeker, although he has held a few minor positions. A prominent and consistent member of the Methodist church, for a number of years he has been one of its trustees.

No history of Mr. Allen could be complete without mention of his estimable wife. He was married on the 30th of December, 1869, to Elizabeth P. Strayer, who was born in Royalton, Ohio, a daughter of Abram and Ellen M. (Cross) Strayer. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania and came to Ohio during the pioneer epoch in its history, locating in Royalton, where he established a mercantile store and carried on business along that line for many years. His death occurred in Royalton September 19, 1866, when he was aged fifty-seven years, nine months and twenty-five days. His widow survived him for a long period, passing away in 1902, at the very advanced age of eighty-eight years. In their family were eight children, four of whom are yet living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Allen have been born but two children: Viola, born December 13, 1871, in Royal-





ton, is now the wife of Leroy G. Silbaugh. They were married September 17, 1895, by the Rev. S. D. Priest. Mr. Silbaugh is an attorney-at-law and the present mayor of the city of Lancaster. They have two sons, Allen and John. Ralph Allen, the only son

of our subject, was born in Royalton, August 3, 1873, and now resides with his parents, carrying on the old home farm. He is justly recognized as one of the progressive and enterprising young business men of the county.

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### WILLIAM L. BUCHANAN.

William L. Buchanan, of Baltimore, Ohio, was born in Walnut township, Fairfield county, on the 3rd of July, 1850, and is a son of William and Catherine (Huffman) Buchanan, the former a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, while the latter was born near Baltimore, Maryland. The paternal grandfather and the great-grandfather both bore the name of William and the family is of Scotch-Irish descent. The father of our subject was a shoemaker by trade and followed that occupation in connection with farming and the manufacture of brick, and later engaged in the hotel business in Pleasantville, Ohio, in 1853 and died in 1854. An old brick church near the Indian fort, in Perry county, was built of brick which came from his kilns. He died when he was forty-four years of age, his wife living for some years after. In their family were eleven children, of whom three are yet living. Sarah became the wife of M. W. Mock, and both are now deceased. Catherine is the deceased wife of

Thomas Irick. James K. was living in Texas at the time of the Civil war and when about fifteen years of age was drafted for service in the rebel army. He and two companions crossed the bay in an old molasses box and thus made their way to the north. James is now deceased. George W., who resides in Pleasantville, was for years engaged in the hotel business there, but is now retired. He served in the Union army as a member of the Eighty-eighth Ohio Infantry. Mary A. is the wife of L. L. Norris and resides in Thurston. William L. is the next in the family. Darlington is deceased and the youngest died in infancy. The mother of this family was an active member of the Methodist Protestant church. The father gave his political support to the Democracy and was at one time deputy sheriff of the county. He became a charter member of Pleasantville Lodge, No. 163, I. O. O. F., and passed all of its chairs. He was a self-made man and one who deserved great credit for what he accomplished. He



was not only industrious and energetic, but his business methods were also such as to commend him to his fellow men.

William L. Buchanan attended the public schools of Pleasantville, and at the age of fourteen began making his own way in the world. When he was twenty years of age he commenced conducting a hotel at Pleasantville.

As a companion and helpmate on life's journey Mr. Buchanan chose Miss Clara Lamb, the wedding being celebrated September 26, 1872. The lady was a native of Walnut township and a daughter of Jacob and Anna Lamb. One child was born of this marriage, Claude Lamb, who is now secretary for the Twin City Paper Company, at Baltimore. He was born January 14, 1874. On the 30th of October, of the same year, the wife and mother passed away and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Pleasantville. For his second wife Mr. Buchanan chose Miss Clara Elnora Fink, a native of Pleasant township and a daughter of William and Mary Fink, both of whom are now deceased. Her mother died when she was only three years of age. By that marriage there were three children: Anna May, now deceased, Frank W., who is employed as a clerk in the Kirk House at Zanesville, and Thomas Whitney, deceased. The mother of these children died May 3, 1889, and the father afterward married Cassie May Ketner, a native of Walnut township and a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Ketner, both of whom are still living. This wedding was celebrated Oc-

tober 19, 1890, and has been blessed with two children—Russell K. and Clara Ruth.

On the 24th of March, 1894, Mr. Buchanan removed to Baltimore, where he purchased a hotel and has since conducted business there, being the popular and genial host of the Baltimore House, which is receiving a liberal patronage and is a popular resort with the traveling public. In his political views Mr. Buchanan is a Democrat. Socially he is quite prominent. He belongs to Fairfield Lodge, No. 163, I. O. O. F., which he joined on the 5th of May, 1877, at Pleasantville. On the 28th of June, 1880, he became a member of Walnut Valley Encampment, No. 218, and is now a past patriarch. He also belongs to Canton Ivanhoe, No. 10, at Lancaster, and is quartermaster sergeant of the Fifth Regiment. He is a charter member of the Rebecca lodge known as Chico Lodge, No. 196. Of this his second wife was a charter member and his present wife is also a member. Mr. Buchanan was a charter member and one who filed the application for the establishment of White Arrow Lodge, Knights of Pythias, No. 341, at Pleasantville, on the 21st of May, 1889, and for three years he has been its representative to the grand lodge. He is also a charter member of Baltimore Lodge, Knights of Pythias, No. 673, and for three years was its representative to the grand lodge. He is likewise a charter member of Chickasaw Tribe, No. 100, I. O. R. M., at Thurston, Ohio. He is a man who has gained a wide acquaintance throughout this county and possesses



the qualities which render him a capable and successful hotel man. He gives close and earnest attention to the needs of his guests, looks after their comfort and con-

venience and by his genial, social manner he has gained a large circle of friends, not only of this community, but amid the traveling public.

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### JEROME D. HUMMELL.

Jerome D. Hummell is a self-educated and self-made man, who has steadily progressed in life because of his strong character, his indomitable will and his laudable ambition. He is now owner of one of the best farms in Fairfield county and well does he merit his success. Mr. Hummell was born December 3, 1839, on the farm where he now resides and near the spot on which the house now stands. His parents were John and Mary (Dove) Hummell and the family is of German lineage, the great-grandfather of our subject having been born in Germany, whence he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, taking up his abode in Pennsylvania, where he probably spent his remaining days. His son, Frederick Hummell, the grandfather of our subject, removed to Fairfield county after his son, John, had located here and took up his abode in Bloom township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits and spent the remainder of his life. In his family were ten children, of whom the following are remembered: Hannah, Elizabeth, Isaac, David, John and Leah, the last named being the widow of Daniel Allspaugh and a resident of Bloom township.

John Hummell, the father of our subject, was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and in his youth lived in a wild district of the Keystone state. At one time he encountered a panther and on account of the unsettled condition of the locality he endured many hardships and privations. In the year 1827 he first came to Fairfield county, making the entire distance on foot. He did not make a permanent location but in 1832 returned to this county. He was a carpenter by occupation and at first took up his abode in Lithopolis, where he followed his trade. Later, however, he turned his attention to farming and purchased land, upon which our subject now resides. This was in 1837. He paid eleven hundred dollars for the tract, securing the farm from the Widow Rickits. He borrowed fifty dollars, which he added to the one hundred dollars he already possessed, and thus was able to make his first payment of one hundred and fifty dollars. Subsequently he became an extensive land owner for as his financial resources increased he invested in property until his possessions were very valuable. As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life he chose Mary



Dove, a daughter of Henry Dove, who came from Rockingham county, Virginia, in 1803, and entered land in Bloom township. The tract is still in possession of representatives of the name. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years, three months and eight days, passing away in 1856. Mrs. Dove's daughter was born in Bloom township and was one of seven children: Peggy, who became Mrs. Orwig; Ruben; Jacob; Sallie; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Solomon Kistler and died in Kosciusko county, Indiana; Elijah, who owned the old homestead, which for ninety-nine years has been in the family and is now owned by his son, Edward, who lives in Kansas; Mary, now Mrs. Hummell; and Mrs. Laney Montgomery, of Fremont, Sandusky county, Ohio. Of this family Mary Dove Hummell was born in 1815 and by her marriage became the mother of twelve children, ten of whom reached years of maturity, while eight are yet living. The record is as follows: H. I., a skilled physician, now practicing in Baltimore, Ohio; Sarah, the wife of William Jacobs, who resides on the old homestead; Martin Luther, of Shelby county, Illinois; Jerome D.; Saluda, the deceased wife of Frederick Borchers; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Philemon Barr; Margaret M. and Nancy, who live on the old homestead; and Mary and Solomon, who died in infancy. The father of this family was a man of strict integrity and sterling worth. He was a good mechanic and possessed many sterling qualities. He opened the first mine in Summit Hill, Pennsylvania, and helped to run the first car and lay the first T track, being an

employe of Stephen Girard, for whom he was also engaged in building boats. His first trip to Bloom township was made on foot and the second time he came by stage, but while enroute had to assist in getting the stage out of the mud. As the years passed, however, he prospered and a comfortable competence rewarded his labors. He died December 17, 1870, at the age of sixty-five years and his wife passed away August 14, 1899, at the age of eighty-four years. She possessed a most remarkable memory and was often called upon to settle disputes in the neighborhood concerning lines, surveys, etc.

Jerome Hummell, whose name introduces this review, was reared upon the old home farm and acquired his education under considerable difficulty. He first attended the common schools and afterward the Pleasant Township Seminary, which he entered in August, 1860, spending three months there. He afterward became a student in the Union schools of Baltimore, Ohio. Having no money he had to make his own way but his strong determination and laudable ambition enabled him eventually to secure a good education. He afterward engaged in teaching school at "Bunker Hill," in Liberty township, and for seventeen years continued to follow that profession with excellent success through the winter months and in the meantime accumulated about four thousand dollars. The only money which he received from his father to assist him in securing his own education was eleven dollars and fifty cents. When thirty-eight years of age he had two hundred dollars and a horse and buggy. At that





time he began saving his money and to-day he is the owner of a very valuable property of three hundred acres, comprising some of the best land in Bloom township. In fact, the farm is hardly equaled in Fairfield county. In addition to farming he has carried on operations in the grain trade, being the first man to ship a car load of grain down the valley. In 1862 he became a representative of mercantile interests in Baltimore, as a partner of his brother, H. I. Hummell, under the firm name of J. D. Hummell & Brother. This connection was maintained for one year when our subject sold his interest to Edwin Ellis. In all his business undertakings he has manifested keen discrimination, enterprise and unflagging perseverance and these qualities have been important elements in winning him success.

Mr. Hummell was married July 4, 1878, to Miss Rosa A. Bounds, a daughter of David and Sarah (Millhouse) Bounds. They have one child, Edmund Ray, who graduated from the law department of the Ohio University in June, 1902, and expects soon to enter Yale college. In politics Mr. Hummell has always supported the Demo-

cratic party. He has been called upon to fill a number of local offices. He has served as a member of the board of education; has filled many positions of trust; and several times has been called upon to administer estates. In the fall of 1899 he was appointed by Governor Bushnell as a delegate from the Twelfth District of Ohio as a representative to the Farmers' National Congress, which was held in Boston in October, 1899. Through his personal work the route of the electric road from Columbus to Lancaster was changed for two miles to take in the town of Carroll. But for his hard and persistent efforts the road would have passed one-half mile west of the town limits. Both he and his wife are devoted and faithful members of the Greenfield Presbyterian church in which he has served as trustee and is now leading elder. Few men have manifested a deeper or more helpful interest in the public welfare than has Mr. Hummell. With keen foresight he has seen the possibilities of the country and has done his best to improve these. As a citizen he is both public spirited and progressive and all who knew him entertain for him the highest regard.

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## CHARLES ROBERT SHERMAN.

The name of Charles Robert Sherman figures conspicuously in the early history of Fairfield county and also in the history of the state. He, of whom we write, was prominent in civil and military circles and

won distinction as a most eminent member of the early Ohio bar. His was a strong and upright manhood; the sterling qualities of his nature were inherited by his two sons, John and William Sherman, whose names



adorn the pages of American history; the one attaining to the highest eminence as a statesman, the other winning military distinction.

Charles Robert Sherman was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, on the 17th of September, 1788. He was the eldest son of Judge Taylor Sherman and Elizabeth Stoddard. Taylor Sherman, son of Judge Daniel Sherman, was born in 1758 and was married in 1787 to Elizabeth Stoddard. They moved to Norwalk, Connecticut, where he spent his life, dying May 15, 1815. Elizabeth Stoddard was born at Woodbury, Connecticut, June 17, 1767. After the death of her husband she came to Ohio with her children, living first with Charles R. Sherman in Lancaster. Here her first daughter, Elizabeth, married the future Judge Parker, who studied law with Charles R. Sherman, and she went with them to live in Mansfield, Ohio. She was a granddaughter of Rev. Anthony Stoddard of Connecticut. She died in Mansfield, Ohio, August 1, 1848. Charles R. Sherman received a good education, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1810. May 8, 1810, he was married to Mary Hoyt, of Norwalk, Connecticut, a playmate from childhood. She was the daughter of Isaac Hoyt, a prominent citizen of Norwalk, a man in comfortable circumstances. She was educated at the Poughkeepsie, New York, Female Seminary.

In 1810, some months after he was married, he came to Ohio to look up a location. He visited Lancaster and decided to make his home there, and in December of that year or in the winter of 1811 he returned to

Connecticut, where he remained until the summer of 1811, when he, in company with his wife and young child, Charles T. Sherman, returned to Lancaster. The trip was made on horseback, and the babe was carried the entire distance resting on a pillow. The trip showed the pluck and spirit of this New England couple. Charles R. Sherman immediately became one of the leading spirits of his new home, and we find him within one year the major of the First Regiment of Ohio Militia. He was the brilliant young orator who addressed the militia, called together by the governor for the purpose of obtaining volunteers for the war against Great Britain. This event took place April 16, 1812. His speech was reported by Sanderson's Independent Press and may be found in John Sherman's Autobiography. The result of this meeting was the raising of a company by George Sanderson, which was soon to be surrendered by General Hull at Detroit.

November 9, 1813, he was appointed by President Madison, collector of internal revenue for the Third District of Ohio, which position he held for many years. In July, 1817, without previous notice, the government refused to take any money from collectors, except paper of the Bank of the United States. This order found large sums in the hands of his deputies in currency that soon became worthless. To add to this calamity, some of his deputies failed, and failure on his part could not be averted. Sherman went down, and his bondsmen, Judge Samuel Carpenter and Judge Daniel Van Metre, went with him. It is well known that Mr. Sherman subsequently made good



their losses and squared his accounts with the government. In 1823 he was elected one of the judges of the supreme court of Ohio by the legislature. His associates were Judges Pease, Hitchcock and Burnett, men of great ability and wide experience. It is sufficient evidence of his ability as a lawyer to know that the Ohio legislature thought him worthy to be the associate of such eminent jurists. He died at Lebanon, Ohio, June 24, 1829, in his forty-first year, in the prime of life and in the midst of usefulness. It is safe to say that at the time of his death he was the ablest lawyer and most popular citizen of Lancaster, second to no man.

The first case of Charles R. Sherman as attorney at the Lancaster bar, that is recorded, is Fanny Mills against Jacob Boos, the overseer of the poor, for the restoration of her child Peggy, who had been taken from her on the plea that she could not support her. She was an unmarried woman, the child a mulatto. The petition in this case is dated December 18, 1810. At the January term, 1812, he was prosecuting attorney. But his name is not again mentioned in that connection and the presumption is that R. F. Slaughter was sick or absent and that he performed the duty of prosecutor that term by direction of the court.

Judge Sherman is described as a gentle, genial man with a brilliant mind and sound judgment, and both as judge and man of stainless integrity. He had the esteem and confidence of his associates upon the bench, and made friends in every court room and was the idol of the young lawyers of Ohio.

For many years he was a very prominent and enthusiastic member of the Masonic fraternity and master of the lodge in Lancaster. Judge Sherman was a hospitable man and his home was the center of a refined society. He entertained many distinguished guests. Governor De Witt Clinton and the Duke of Saxe Weimer were entertained by him in the year 1825.

He was a trustee of the Ohio University at Athens, and a member of the committee that examined Thomas Ewing in grammar, rhetoric, languages, geography, natural and moral philosophy, logic, astronomy and mathematics. The committee expressed much gratification at his proficiency, and May 3, 1815, recommended him for the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Sciences. The death of Judge Sherman left his widow with the care and training of eleven children, none of whom had reached their majority and with limited means for their support. The friends of Judge Sherman came to her relief and assisted in caring for the children. In the year 1844 she removed to Mansfield, Ohio, where John Sherman and the two youngest daughters made up the family. The young people soon married, but she continued to keep house up to the time of her death, September 23, 1852. Her remains were brought to Lancaster and interred beside those of her husband in Elmwood Cemetery. The history of the eleven orphan children of Judge Sherman is a very remarkable one. The daughters were all happily married to men who attained prominence in the communities in which they live. The sons were all successful men in business or in professions.



Elizabeth married William J. Reese; Amelia, Robert McComb, of Mansfield; Julia, John G. Willock, of Lancaster; Susan, Thomas W. Bartley, of Mansfield, who became governor of Ohio and judge of the supreme court; and Farrie married C. W. Moulton, of Cincinnati. There are those still living in Lancaster who witnessed the sorrow and distress of the mother and her

small children on that awful day when the news came that Judge Sherman was dying in a distant town, but kind friends and time, with its healing power, soothed their sorrows and dried their tears. The good mother lived to see her children well established in the world and her two favorite boys just entering upon careers as wonderful and as honorable as any of the century.

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### GEORGE S. COURTRIGHT.

George S. Courtright has devoted his life to labors wherein wealth and influence availeth little or naught, the measure of success depending upon mentality, the ability—both natural and acquired—and the broad culture of the individual possessing all the requisite qualities of an able physician. Dr. Courtright has advanced to a position prominent in the medical fraternity of Ohio, and is now successfully practicing in Lithopolis. The Doctor was born April 27, 1840, in Pickaway county, Ohio, a son of Jesse D. and Sally (Stout) Courtright, the former a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, and the latter of Pennsylvania. He was educated in the common schools and in South Salem Academy, Ross county, Ohio, and after completing his literary course took up the study of medicine, intending to make its practice his life work. He pursued his studies in Cincinnati and was graduated in the Medical College of Ohio in 1862.

For some years thereafter he was a well known educator in the line of his profession. He was resident surgeon of St. John's Hospital in 1861, and of the Cincinnati Hospital in 1862, continuing in that capacity until he went into the army in the month of November, 1862, entering the service as contract surgeon, remaining in that capacity until August, 1863. At that time he became assistant surgeon of the United States Volunteers, appointed by President Lincoln. He was sent to Burnside's army in the Department of the Ohio and in October he received orders from the war department to report to Santa Fe, New Mexico, to the general then commanding that division. He made a trip from Kansas City to Fort Leavenworth and thence by stage, a distance of one thousand miles, to Santa Fe. The troops in that locality captured nine thousand Indians and held California and Utah. He was ap-







George S. Courtwright.



pointed major by brevet for gallant and meritorious service during the war. In December, 1865, the Doctor returned from Fort Craig, New Mexico, to Cincinnati, and in 1866 he became demonstrator of anatomy in the Miami Medical College, where he remained for two years. In 1868 he came to Lithopolis, where he has since resided.

In May of that year he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Cornelia Stevens, of Lebanon, Warren county, and they now have one son, Jesse Stevens, who is a resident of Pickaway county. The Doctor is a member of the Grand Army post and of the Loyal Legion. He is also a member of the soldiers' relief commission of Bloom township. He is a Knight Templar Mason and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also identified with the Presbyterian church, is its treasurer, and for thirty-five years has been one of its faithful members. He was also president of the board of pension examiners for nearly four years. He has served as the president of the school board of Lithopolis and takes a deep interest in everything that pertains to the public welfare. In politics he has always supported the Democratic party. In the line of his profession he is connected with the Hocking Valley Medical Association and is a life member of the State Medical Society of Ohio. He also belongs to the American Medical Association. He is an extremely busy and successful practitioner, constantly overburdened by demands for his services, both professionally and socially. He is a man of the highest and purest character, an industrious and ambitious student and was

a gifted teacher. Genial in disposition, unobtrusive and unassuming, he is patient under adverse criticism, and in his expressions concerning brother practitioners is friendly and indulgent.

The genealogy of the Courtright family is traced by Riker, the historian-genealogist, to the fourteenth century.

The name was originally van Kortryk, and as family names were the exception and not the rule among our early forefathers, some difficulty has been experienced by genealogists in tracing the family history of many of the old families. During the time of John Calvin the van Kortryks, like many other of the old and wealthier families, became Protestants (or followers of Calvin). They builded churches and the Protestants became very strong numerically as well as financially, but the church of Rome was very powerful, and by superior forces drove the members of the new religious sect from their native country. The van Kortryks inhabited the country along the borders of Spain and France, but the religious persecution drove them to Flanders and thence to Leerdam—central of the district stood the city of Leerdam, giving name to a county in which it was situated,—a level grazing country, otherwise called the Prince's Land, because inherited by a son of William of Orange from his mother, Anne of Egmont. In the language of the historian, "To Leerdam had retired from the religious troubles in Flanders the family of Sebastien or Bastiaen van Kortryk—about all we know of this Kortryk progenitor with his royal Spanish name." During the humane rule of Philip the Fourth the condition of the



Protestants became much improved, but later witnessed cruel persecutions. On the river Lys was builded a city named after the family. Riker says: "Kortryk was a Flemish town yet farther down the Lys, which within the previous century had witnessed cruel persecutions, and during the existing war (how great its calamities!) had changed hands four times in five years. But one of its families had escaped these last troubles by leaving some years before; we refer to the ancestors of the Kortright or Courtright family, in its day one of the most wealthy in landed possessions in Harlem."

Sebastien or Bastiaen von, or van, Kortryk was the head of the Courtright family as far as can be traced by genealogists. He lived in the fourteenth century from all that can be learned of him. He was the father of two boys, Jan and Michiel. They were born at Leerdam. While they both married, we know nothing of the progeny of the former, but Michiel, or 'Chiel, Kortryk seemed to prosper. In twentieth century parlance he became "rich," and lived with his family for some time in a pretty village called "Schoonrewoerd," two miles northerly from Leerdam, his birthplace.

In and about Leerdam and Schoonrewoerd these people and descendants lived for about one hundred years. Selling out their estates, which the historian says were "large," they went to the city of Amsterdam, where they and their descendants lived for about another century.

On April 16, 1663, two of the van or von Kortryks, by name Jan and Michiel—

lineal descendants of the original Michiel or 'Chiel—with their families embarked on a vessel called the "Brindled Cow," Jan Bergen, master, for New Amsterdam (New York). They arrived in New York and located in what is now the upper portion of the city and in the division of the county. The township in which they lived was named after the family—Kortright, for the name had then been Anglicized to that extent.

The great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Lawrence Kortright, was the eldest son of his father, Cornelius Kortright. He was a merchant and became wealthy and prominent. In the old French war he was part owner of several privateers fitted out at New York against the enemy. He was one of the founders of the Chamber of Commerce. He had large interests in Tyro county lands. Before his death he conveyed his lands to his only son, John, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He died in 1794. By his wife, who was Hannah Aspinwall, besides his son John, who was a captain and afterwards colonel during the Revolutionary war, but better known as "Captain John," he had four daughters—Sarah, who married Colonel John Heylinger, of Santa Cruz; Hester, who married Nicholas Gouverneur, Esquire; Elizabeth, who married Hon. James Monroe, who afterwards became twice governor of Virginia and twice president of the United States, and author of the famous "Monroe Doctrine;" and Mary, who married Thomas Knox, Esquire.

Captain John married Catharine, daugh-



ter of Edmund Seaman, Esquire. He died in 1810, leaving a widow, who afterward married Henry B. Livingston, Esquire. His son John, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, emigrated from Pennsylvania about the beginning of the last century and located in Bloom township in 1802, where he lived continuously until his death, in 1863. His youngest son, Jesse D., married Sally Stout, to whom were born nine children, four daughters and five sons: Mary Jane, who married Thomas Cole, now deceased; Sarah, who married E. Westenhaver, now deceased; Elizabeth, now the widow of the late E. F. Berry; John, a prominent farmer of Walnut township, Pickaway county; Judge Samuel W., of Circleville; Dr. Alva P., now deceased; and Edson B., who died just as he had attained his manhood; and the youngest girl, who died in infancy; also George S., the subject of above sketch.

Before the Revolution the prefix van

or von was dropped, but the name was never completely Anglicized until the latter part of the eighteenth century, when by common consent the first syllable was changed to "Court" instead of "Kort." The name became changed about that time in other respects, one of the family writing his name "Cartwright." Peter Cartwright, the world-famous Methodist preacher, was a cousin of grandfather Courtwright. Another member of the family removed to Maryland and his name was changed or corrupted to "Cutright," and we have in southern Ohio a large family or families by that name, descendants of the Marylander.

But the family as a family dropped the prefix "van" or "von," later Anglicized the second and later the first, so that the name has been for more than a century Courtwright.

It would require a volume to give in detail the complete history of this family, the foregoing being but a brief synopsis.

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## JAMES W. WILSON.

James W. Wilson is a representative of pioneer families of Fairfield county and makes his home on section 33, Greenfield township, where he follows farming. Here he was born on the 5th of May, 1818. His paternal grandfather was the Hon. Nathaniel Wilson, a native of Scotland, who after emigrating to the new world resided near

Carlisle, Pennsylvania, for a time and then came to Ohio, settling in Fairfield county, where he was a distinguished early resident. He served as a member of the state legislature and as a justice of the peace, and his worth and ability made him a leader of public thought and action. After about eight years' residence in Fairfield county he





was called to his reward in the home beyond.

His son, William Wilson, the father of our subject, was born within two miles of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and there remained until his removal to Fairfield county, Ohio. He and his four brothers located near Lancaster, three of them making their homes on section 33. The father of our subject was united in marriage to Rachel Wells, a daughter of General James Wells, an old Revolutionary soldier, who was severely wounded by the Indians. His ancestry could be traced back to James Wells, an Englishman, who on crossing the Atlantic settled in Baltimore, Maryland. He was twice married and had twelve children by each marriage. Among the number was General James Wells, who was born in Frederick county, Maryland, in the year 1751, while his death occurred on the 29th of January, 1814, when he was sixty-three years of age. He served as a soldier under Washington and tradition says that it was in the Revolutionary war that he won the title of general. In 1775 he married Rachel Brown, a daughter of Colonel Richard Brown. On the 17th of April, 1795, he was made an associate judge of Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Later he removed from that county to Holiday's Cove on the Ohio river, where his father-in-law then lived. In the fall of 1801 he arrived in Ohio, at which time there were only three or four log cabins at Lancaster, and when the land sales took place he bought twelve hundred and eighty acres in one body, in Greenfield township. He gave the greater part of his attention to farming and at one

time served as justice of the peace of Greenfield township. Among his children was Rachel Wells, who on the 14th of October, 1802, became the wife of William Wilson. Their marriage took place at the forks of the Hocking in Greenfield township. His death occurred September 26, 1851, and his wife passed away in 1842 at the age of fifty-five years. After their marriage they lived in a little log cabin in Greenfield township and in true pioneer style their early married life was passed. Unto them were born ten children: Amanda, Minerva, Calista, Elizabeth, Rachel, Louisa, Nathaniel, James W., William Harvey and Ambrose. Only two of the number are now living, namely: James W., of this review; and Louisa, the wife of Henry Pence, a resident of Bradville, Page county, Iowa.

James W. Wilson, of this review, was the seventh child and second son of the family and the only one still living in Fairfield county. He remained upon the home farm, where he is now living until twenty-one years of age, after which he spent two years in Indiana. On the expiration of that period he returned and has since remained upon the farm, giving his entire life to agricultural pursuits. He has ever been progressive in his methods of farming and the fields have returned to him a golden tribute in return for his careful labors and active management.

On the 17th of January, 1844, James W. Wilson was united in marriage to Rosann Wolf, a native of Pickaway county, Ohio, born on the 1st of January, 1819, and a daughter of Philip and Rebecca (Phillip) Wolf, the former a native of Pennsylvania



and the latter of Maryland. Her father was twice married, Mrs. Wilson being the youngest of eleven children. She was reared in Pickaway county, Ohio, and by her marriage has become the mother of seven children: George, who is living in Pickaway county; Gustine, who lives at home; John, of Pickaway county; McLury, who resides south of Lancaster; Rachel and Re-

becca, who are at home; and Lucretia, who is deceased. Throughout his entire life Mr. Wilson has given his political support to the Democracy, but has had no desire for public office, preferring that his attention should be given to his farming interests, in which he has met with a very creditable degree of success, being numbered among the well-to-do farmers of his vicinity.

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### PHILEMON B. STANBERY.

The true measure of individual success is determined by what one has accomplished, and, as taken in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, there is particular interest attaching to the career of the subject of this review, since he is a native son of the place where he has passed his active life, and so directed his ability and efforts as to gain recognition as one of the representative citizens of Lancaster. He is actively connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community, and one which has long been considered as conserving the public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. For many years he served on the probate bench and no more capable officer has ever occupied that position.

An inherited tendency and environment

have both undoubtedly had much to do in shaping the career of Judge Philemon Beecher Stanbery. His maternal grandfather was Philemon Beecher, a native of Virginia, who became an eminent member of the bar of Lancaster, of which Thomas Ewing was so long the acknowledged leader. His daughter married Henry Stanbery, who was the second member of that bar in point of ability and distinction. Among the five children born of Henry and Frances E. (Beecher) Stanbery was the subject of this review, and in his christening was perpetuated the full name of his maternal grandfather. His parents had become residents of Lancaster, where his father was practicing law, and it was here that the Judge was born on the 5th of May, 1832. At the usual age he entered the public schools and later he spent four years as a student in the Kinsley Military Academy, situated on the Hudson river, one mile below West Point,



where he remained between the ages of thirteen and seventeen years. Like his father he manifested special fondness for books and a desire to acquire a broad classical education. He mastered his studies with ease and rapidity and when seventeen years of age matriculated in Kenyon College at Gambier, Ohio, where he remained two years, that institution being one of the most reputable for higher education in the west, numbering among its students men who afterward attained marked distinction in various walks of life. The Judge, however, completed his college course in the Ohio University in Athens, where he was graduated with high honors with the class of 1853.

At that time he entered upon his business career as a member of a corps of civil engineers engaged in surveying the line and establishing the grade of the Ohio Central and of the Little Miami Railroads. Upon the completion of this work in 1856 he made his way westward to Fort Des Moines, which afterward became the capital of Iowa, and at that place he was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of law, for during his college course and subsequent thereto he had quietly and persistently pursued a course of reading and study of the law under the direction of his father, so that he was well qualified to become an active member of the profession. When two years had passed he removed to Leavenworth, Kansas, where he remained until 1860, but he had a stronger attachment for the state of his nativity than he did for the west and after four years spent beyond the Mississippi he returned to Ohio and took up his

abode in Pomeroy, where he entered into a law partnership with Captain S. A. Burnap, which continued for several years.

At the opening of the Rebellion Mr. Stanbery became a patriotic advocate of the Union cause and manifested his loyalty to the national government by joining Company E of the Fourth Regiment of West Virginia Infantry, of which he was made a first lieutenant in July, 1861. Immediately afterward he was appointed adjutant of the regiment and in 1862 was selected by General H. B. Ewing as chief of staff, in which capacity he served until his return to his regiment in 1863. At the siege of Vicksburg in that year he was severely wounded and in consequence of his disability occasioned by his injuries he was granted an honorable discharge from the service on the 10th of September, 1863.

Upon his return home Judge Stanbery resumed the practice of law and his clientage gradually increased in volume and importance with the growth of the town. In public affairs he also took an active part and was elected mayor of Pomeroy, discharging both the administrative and judicial duties appertaining to the office with such popular approval as to command re-election again and again, and when at length his mayoralty service was ended he retired from office as he had entered it,—with the confidence and good will of the entire public. In 1870 he was elected probate judge of Meigs county, and twice afterward was he chosen to that office, holding the position for nine successive years. A contemporary biographer, in speaking of this period of his life, has stated: "All the rights and inter-



ests of widows and orphans, heirs and legatees were carefully protected. His official duty was performed in accordance with the law and his own sense of justice, without favor or prejudice. His intellectual integrity and moral honesty no less than the obligation imposed by his oath of office impelled not simply a financial accounting but also painstaking investigation to ascertain the right and the equity of every claim, whether of heir or creditor. Through it all he maintained the judicial acumen, the unswerving impartiality and the discriminating sense of justice which belong to the legal mind; the sensitiveness to criticism and the delicate appreciation of honor which are among the noteworthy characteristics of the noble and high-spirited man. In public office and in private life he has proved his fitness to be designated as the upright judge, the honest man."

On the 20th of November, 1867, Judge Stanbery was united in marriage to Miss Margaret M. Hart. Five children were born of this union, Cecilia, Henry, Philemon B., Hart and Louisa. All of them are living except the eldest daughter, Cecilia, who died at the age of twenty-three. She was a most charming young woman in all the graces of person and the attributes of mind. Her vivacity, sweetness of temper, and the loveliness of character lent a distinct attractiveness to the delightful home, and her early death brought to the hearts of doting parents the deepest grief. In remembrance of her inspiring virtues, and as a fitting memorial, Judge Stanbery erected at Pomeroy a handsome rectory in connection with Grace Episcopal church, one of

the most artistically beautiful church edifices in southern Ohio in architecture and adornment.

The Judge is an honored and active member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Gamaliel Bartlett Post, of Pomeroy. He takes great interest in perpetuating the comradeship and the memory of the great achievements of the Civil war. In all his business affairs Judge Stanbery has been known as a man of sterling worth and unswerving integrity. He possesses excellent executive force and keen sagacity and these elements have enabled him to make judicious investments which have proven a source of desirable profit and income. He has never engaged in speculation, but along legitimate business lines has won a handsome competence. He has ever occupied a prominent position in the foremost rank of the legal practitioners of Lancaster. His life has been one of untiring activity and has been crowned with a high degree of success, yet he is not less esteemed as a citizen than as a lawyer, and his kindly impulses and charming cordiality of manner have rendered him exceedingly popular among all classes. The favorable judgment which the world passed upon him in his early years has never been set aside nor in any degree modified. It has, on the contrary, been emphasized by his careful conduct of important litigation, his candor and fairness in the presentation of cases, his zeal and earnestness as an advocate, and the generous commendation he has received from his contemporaries, who unite in bearing testimony as to his high character and superior mind.





## REV. GEORGE W. HALDERMAN.

The stamp designating true nobility of character must ever find its ineffable tracery on the brow of one who sets himself apart from the "madding crowd's ignoble strife" and dedicates his life to the uplifting of his fellow men. More than superficial investigation is demanded when one essays to determine the mental struggle and the spirit of unselfish devotion that must animate the man who gives all that he has and all that he hopes to be to service in the great vineyard of life, seeking reward only in that realm "where moth and rust do not corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal." Preparations for labors in the priesthood are perforce exacting, demanding an ever ready sympathy, a broad intellectuality and an unswerving fidelity. Scoffing cynicism and careless irreverence would often be silenced if only the inner life of those who ministered in holy places might be laid open for inspection. Honor is due and honor will be paid when once there comes a deeper understanding of the truth.

We are led to this train of thought through reflecting upon the life record of the Rev. George W. Halderman, D. D., who for twenty-two years was pastor of the First English Lutheran church of Lancaster, and whose influence was of no restricted order, for he was one of the most distinguished representatives of his denomination in this part of the country. His birth occurred in Center county, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1833, his parents being Samuel and Margaret (Kollmeyer) Halderman, both of

whom were natives of Germany. The Doctor acquired his early education in Smbury, Pennsylvania, but he had to depend largely upon his own resources in order to secure more than a common school training. He taught school in Germantown, Kentucky for two years, being principal of the Boys' Preparatory School there. He afterward continued his studies and was graduated in Wittenberg College of Springfield, Ohio, as one of the honored men of his class. He then served for a short time under General J. Warren Keifer, in the Civil war, and aided in the capture of the noted rebel leader Morgan. He then again took up his college work and was graduated in the theological department of Wittenberg College, after which he was assigned to his pastorate at Van Wert, Ohio. Subsequently he went to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and in the spring of 1870 he came to Lancaster as pastor of the First English Lutheran church, remaining in charge for ten years, during which time he also preached every Sunday afternoon in the Boys' Industrial School from the time of its establishment. He labored untiringly and won the respect and esteem of all people of all denominations as well as those of his own congregation. Perhaps there has been no more popular minister in this city than was the Rev. George W. Halderman. His scholarly attainments, his deep understanding of the wellsprings of conduct and of human action as well as his comprehensive knowledge of Christianity and his oratorical ability made him a most





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eloquent, pleasant and entertaining preacher. In 1879, however, he resigned his pastorate at Lancaster, and accepted a call from the Lutheran church at Polo, Illinois, wherein he remained for three years. He afterward spent one year in Europe, and in the Holy Land, both for the benefit of his health and for the purpose of further study and research. On his return he accepted a pastorate in Washington, Illinois, where he remained four years, but at the end of that period he again accepted a call from the First English Lutheran church of Lancaster, continuing as its pastor until up to the time of his death.

Dr. Halderman was married on the 26th of April, 1864, to Miss Mary Dallas Crothers, who died October 29, 1866, and on the 16th of July, 1873, he was again united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the lady of his choice being Miss Philecta Griswold, daughter of Samuel A. and Ethelyn (Kelley) Griswold, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. Unto Dr.

Halderman and his wife was born one son, John Crothers Halderman, who is now a banker of Pawnee City, Nebraska.

In 1887 our subject purchased a fine country home on the Cedar Hill Pike, about two miles west of the city, and the place is known as "Hallelujah Heights." The residence is a most beautiful one, with tasteful surroundings and is now occupied by Mrs. Halderman. The Doctor was only ill for a few days, holding communion in the church just six days before his death. His usefulness therefore continued until the last, and this was as he would have it. He passed away July 17, 1899, and his remains were interred in the Forest Rose cemetery. Nature bestowed upon him many of her rarest gifts. He possessed a mind of extraordinary compass, an industry that brought forth every spark of talent with which nature had endowed him. He was in every way a most superior man, and moreover he used his ability for the benefit of his race, for his town, his state and his nation.

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## VAN S. BURTON.

Van S. Burton, now deceased, was a man whom to know was to respect and honor, and throughout his entire life he lived so as to win the confidence and high regard of all with whom he was associated. He was born in Pleasant township, Fairfield county, in 1806, and always resided within

its borders. He was a son of Jacob and Mary (Swearingen) Burton, who were married June 6, 1790. It was in 1800 that they came to Ohio from Maryland, taking up their abode in Fairfield county, where the father spent his entire life, devoting his energies to agricultural pursuits. He be-



came the owner of eight hundred and forty acres in Hocking township, one hundred and sixty acres in Greenfield township and also owned land in Lancaster. He was a very prominent and influential citizen, a recognized leader in public thought and action. A man of strong mentality and keen insight, he also possessed a patriotic spirit, was deeply interested in the welfare of his community and put forth every effort for its advancement and improvement. That he enjoyed in a high measure the regard and trust of his fellow men is shown by the fact that he was chosen one of the associate judges of his district during the early part of the nineteenth century and was also elected to represent his district in the territorial legislature, where he took an active part in framing the laws and measures that shaped the policy of Ohio at an early period. He died in 1841 and his wife passed away some years previously at the age of seventy-six years. In their family were ten children of whom Van S. Burton was the ninth in order of birth. Mrs. Burton was widely known as a midwife throughout the whole country.

In taking up the personal history of Van S. Burton we present to our readers the life record of one who was widely and favorably known in Fairfield county. He remained in Pleasant township until 1812 when his parents purchased land in Hocking township and removed to that farm. He then continued under the parental roof until his marriage, after which he removed to Hancock county and purchased land from the government. He developed his claim into a rich farm and located thereon, making

it a good home for himself and family, which was his place of residence until 1844, when he returned to Fairfield county and purchased the farm in Hocking township upon which his son Isaac now resides. This was a tract of one hundred acres and upon it he made all the improvements, for when it came into his possession not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made. He erected a large, substantial frame residence with a big barn and added other equipments, denoting the owner to be a man of progressive spirit, in touch with the most modern methods of agriculture. Throughout his remaining days he here carried on farming and his labors were crowned with a high degree of success. He was also a millwright by trade and in his early life carried on that pursuit, but after removing to Hocking township his attention was given entirely to farming and stock-raising. His business methods were ever honorable and straightforward and gained for him the regard and confidence of all with whom he was associated.

In Greenfield township, Fairfield county, Mr. Burton was united in bonds of wedlock to Lydia Rice, a daughter of Michael and Rachel (Kester) Rice. Her father was a native son of Pennsylvania and came to Ohio in 1800, before the admission of the state into the union. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis. When the country became involved in the second war with England he joined the American troops and fought for the rights of the nation. He acted as a teamster also, and hauled the baggage of General Harri-





son, who was in command of the troops in this portion of the country. His entire life was passed in Greenfield township after his arrival in Fairfield county, and there he died at the age of eighty-nine years.\* He was a prosperous farmer, whose unremitting diligence and unflagging industry were the means of enabling him to acquire a very handsome competence.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Burton were born ten children, of whom eight are yet living, as follows: Jacob resides upon the old home farm. Isaac and Michael are also living upon the farm and are associated in its operation. Rachel died at the age of sixty-one. She was the widow of Elijah Milligan, a blacksmith of Clear Creek township. Shipman N. resides upon the old home place. He is married and has a family. George died in 1876, at the age of thirty-one years. Hannah is also upon the old homestead. Van resides in Greenfield township with his wife and family. Lydia is the wife of Daniel Sifford, a retired lumberman of Lancaster. Mary, who completes the family, is also upon the old homestead. The father of this family passed away on the 11th of July, 1888, at the age of eighty-two years, and his death was widely and deeply mourned for he was long accounted one of the most honored and representative citizens of Fairfield county. Through much of the century he witnessed its growth and took an active interest in all that pertained to its welfare and advancement. He saw its wild lands transformed into beautiful homes and farms, while splendid pikes took the place of Indian trails and the railroad, telephone and telephone

were introduced. He served as justice of the peace while living in Hancock county, filling the office for eight or ten years, but he was never a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring that his attention should be given to business affairs and to the discharge of his duties of citizenship without regard to office. His political support was given the Democracy and he was fearless in his defense of what he believed to be right. His wife died upon the old homestead farm in 1891, when nearly eighty-one years of age. She was a member of the Lutheran church. Both were people of the highest respectability and wherever known they won friends who esteemed them for their genuine worth.

Isaac Burton was born in Hancock county December 29, 1835, and was nine years of age when brought by his parents to Fairfield county. Since his father's death he has been associated with his brothers, Jacob and Michael, in the conduct of the old home farm, and all are well known agriculturists of unfailing honor and unremitting diligence. Michael was infirmity director of Fairfield county for six years. Jacob has been assessor of the township for a number of terms and at all times each of the brothers has been found loyal to his duties of citizenship and to the right. Jacob Burton was born April 21, 1833, in Hocking township and in early life learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for some years, after which he turned his attention to general farming, which business now claims all his time and energy. Michael Burton was born in Hancock county, Ohio, November 7, 1837, and when seven years of age he



accompanied his parents to this county. The three brothers are now associated in the ownership and operation of the old home farm, which is kept in splendid condition and is supplied with all the equipments and

accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. The family is one of prominence in the community and its members have ever enjoyed in a high degree the friendship and confidence of their fellow men.

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## JOHN BLAUSER.

That the family of which our subject is a representative is one of the oldest in Fairfield county, is indicated by the fact that his grandparents took up their residence here. They cast in their lot with the citizens and bore their part in the work of primitive development and progress. John Blauser, of this review, now living about two miles north of the village of Baltimore, in Liberty township, was born upon the farm which he yet occupies, July 10, 1846, his parents being John and Susan (Staller) Blauser. His father was a native of Virginia, born September 28, 1794, and the grandfather, Abraham Blauser, was of German lineage. Susan Blauser, the mother of our subject, was born January 2, 1811, and the marriage of the parents was celebrated March 4, 1830. John Blauser, Sr., came to Ohio when a young boy, in company with his parents, the family settling in Licking county, where the grandparents of our subject both died at a ripe old age. After his marriage, in 1830, John Blauser, Sr., removed to the northern part of Liberty township, Fairfield county, taking up his abode in an old log

cabin. After about two years he removed to the farm now occupied by the subject of this review, then comprising one hundred sixty acres of timber land, which he purchased for one hundred and twenty-five dollars. When the time came to make the first payment he killed his only hog and gave one-half of it in order to meet the indebtedness. There was not a single improvement upon the place when it came into his possession, but with characteristic energy he began clearing the land, cultivating the crops and placing it under a high state of improvement. The pike which now extends in front of his house was then but a little wagon road scarcely more than a trail leading through the woods. It was very crooked, having been directed in this way because of the trees which stood throughout the district. John Blauser, Sr., started upon his business career without a dollar, but he came one of the extensive land owners of the county, his home farm comprising three hundred and forty acres of very rich and arable land, substantially developed, all having been accumulated through his own ef-





JOHN BLAUSER AND WIFE



forts. At his death his land was divided among his children and is still in the possession of the family. Both he and his wife were members of the Dunkard church and were consistent Christian people. They had eight children: Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Samuel Miller; Ephraim, who resides in Liberty township; Anna, the deceased wife of Fred Wagner; Mary, the wife of Michael Holder, their home being in Liberty township, southeast of Baltimore; Priscilla, the widow of John J. Holder, who died north of Baltimore; Rachel, the deceased wife of Jacob Smoke; John, of this review; and Solomon, who resides in Liberty township. The father of these children was a lifelong Democrat, and while he never sought or desired office for himself he was ever faithful to the duties of citizenship which led to the promotion and improvement of his adopted county. He died September 4, 1870, when about seventy-six years of age and his wife passed away May 21, 1853, their remains being interred in the old Liberty cemetery in the township where they had so long resided.

John Blauser, whose name introduces this record, resided at home until after his father's death. His educational privileges were limited and the opportunities afforded in the old log school house such as was common to the frontier. The methods of instruction were primitive and embraced little more than the "three R's." After the father's death he removed to his present farm, a part of the old homestead, comprising fifty acres. As a companion and helper for life's journey he chose Miss Mary A. Linden and they were married September

17, 1871. The lady was born in Germany and was a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Linden, being brought to America by her parents when only seven months old. They located in Basil, Ohio, where they remained until Mrs. Blauser was a maiden of eleven years, when the father went to Indiana, where his death occurred, his wife having passed away when Mrs. Blauser was only six-years old. She has a sister and a half-brother, Rosanna, the wife of A. Rauch, of Indiana, and Albert, who is living in the same state. Unto our subject and his wife were born eleven children: Israel married Mollie Kumler and they reside in the western part of Liberty township. They have three children, Russell, Israel and May. Clarence, the second member of the family, died at the age of eighteen years. Otto married Nora Warner, by whom he has one son, Dwight, and their home is in Liberty township. John is still under the parental roof. Edward married Winnie Giesy, and their home is in Liberty township. Henry, Cleveland, Mollie and Charles are all at home. Blanche is deceased. Ruth is with her parents.

Mr. Blauser started in life with his fifty acres that he had from his parents' estate and as his farm work bore him good return for labor, his capital being thereby increased, he also added to his landed possessions and in course of time became the owner of three hundred and sixty-five acres. This is a very rich, arable and valuable tract of land and he is now one of the largest tax-payers in the township. He votes with the Democracy. He and his family are connected with the United Brethren church, in which he has





long served as member of the board of trustees, acting at the present time as chairman of the board. His attention is given to general farming and stock-raising and he ships stock directly to the eastern markets. His life proves conclusively that success does not result from genius, or from a fortunate combination of circumstances but may be gained as the life reward of earnest labor

guided by sound judgment. He has been very prosperous and he owes his advancement to his indefatigable energy and keen business ability. He has moreover in the conduct of his affairs gained a very enviable reputation for honesty, and the name of John Blausen is one known and highly honored by his acquaintances throughout this portion of the state.

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### F. J. BUSCHEMEYER.

Since 1889 F. J. Buschemeyer has served as superintendent of the Fairfield County Infirmary and his official record is one worthy of the highest commendation, for he has been most loyal to the trust reposed in him and under his supervision many important reforms and improvements have been introduced. A gentleman of broad sympathy and humanitarian principles, he puts forth every effort in his power to improve the condition of those who come under his care. He has a wide acquaintance in Fairfield county and throughout this portion of the state is held in high regard.

As his name indicates Mr. Buschemeyer is of German birth. The place of his nativity is Minden, Prussia, and his natal day June 14, 1842. At the age of six years he entered the public schools of the fatherland, where he remained until fourteen years of age and then continued his studies in an

academy, remaining there until his seventeenth year. At that time he crossed the Atlantic in a sailing vessel and after a perilous and tedious voyage of sixty-seven days landed upon the shores of the new world. His capital was very limited so that it was necessary for him to depend upon his own exertions for a livelihood. Diligent and enterprising, he scorned no employment that would yield him an honest living and worked at various kinds of labor. Going to Baltimore, Maryland, he there secured employment upon a farm, where he continued to work until 1859. In that year he entered the service of a firm engaged in building and contracting and when he had acquired a broad and accurate knowledge of the business, he commenced the study of architecture.

In 1864 Mr. Buschemeyer returned to Germany and spent one year at his old home,



but the new world had a strong attraction for him and in 1865 he once more crossed the briny deep and in that year became a resident of Lancaster, Ohio. On the 5th of April, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Julia Ann Hartman, of this city, a daughter of Henry Hartman. She, too, was born in Germany, her birth occurring in Bondorf, on the 14th of September, 1845, but she was only three years old when brought to America by her parents, who located on a farm in Hocking township, Fairfield county, about five miles west of Lancaster. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Buschemeyer were born nine children, seven of whom reached years of maturity, but one one of the daughters is now deceased. Those still living are Frederick, Augustus, William, Henry, Louise and Dora.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Buschemeyer began their domestic life upon a farm of one hundred and sixty-four acres and there for many years our subject devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, which he carried on successfully. He placed his fields under a high state of cultivation and progressive methods made his farming operations a prosperous source of income. Although he started out in life with very limited financial circumstances, he steadily advanced until he reached the plane of affluence. He was ably assisted by his wife, who indeed proved to him a faithful companion and helpmate on the journey of life. His children, too, bore their share in the work of the farm and in a few years the family were in comfortable circum-

stances. Mr. Buschemeyer continued a representative of the agricultural interests of the community until 1889, at which time he was appointed superintendent of the Fairfield County Infirmary and for thirteen years, through different administrations, he has continued in the position, winning encomiums by reason of his fidelity to duty. His experience as an agriculturist well qualifies him to superintend the farming interests and at the same time he is most careful of the welfare and comfort of the inmates of the establishment. In this work he was most ably assisted by his wife, who served as matron of the institution until her death, which occurred on the 30th of January, 1902. Mrs. Buschemeyer, ever mindful of those intrusted to her care, discharged every duty without regard to her private interests or personal profits. To her husband and children she was a devoted wife and loving mother. Mr. Buschemeyer had recently erected a new brick residence in Lancaster and he and his wife were eagerly looking forward to the time when they should occupy their new home, but the hand of death intervened and Mrs. Buschemeyer was called to the home beyond. She long held membership in the Emanuel Lutheran church and the funeral services were there held. Her life was full of kindness, of charity, and of good deeds, and all who knew her respected her for her excellent work, while those who were intimately acquainted with her have for her deep love and regard.

Mr. Buschemeyer is a wide-awake, en-



terprising citizen, who takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to the general welfare. In manner he is genial and affable, and throughout the years of his residence

here, his life history has been such as to win for him the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been associated in business or personal affairs.

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### JOHN S. BOOK.

In the house in which he now resides, in Richmond township, Fairfield county, John S. Book was born in the year 1829, and his residence here covers more than the psalmist's span of three score years and ten. Throughout almost three-quarters of a century he has witnessed the progress and development of this section of the country and has rejoiced in the advancement that has been made. He comes of an old Virginia family, his father, Samuel Book, having been born at Newmarket in August, 1802, while the grandfather, John Book, was born in Germany in 1769, emigrating to this country at an early age. He took up his abode in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and subsequently removed to Newmarket, Virginia, where he married Anna Barbara Miller, a native of that state. Subsequently they became residents of Ohio, removing here in 1806, and four children blessed their marriage: Mary, Elizabeth, Samuel and Sarah. In politics Mr. Book was an old-line Whig and was a member of the United Brethren church.

Samuel Book, the father of our subject, acquired his early education in the old log

school house which was a feature in every pioneer settlement. His training at farm labor was not meager. He attended school about three months of the year and during the remainder of the time assisted his father upon the home farm and in the wagonmaking shop conducted by John Book. About 1839 the latter invented a plow and in connection with his son Samuel began its manufacture in the town of Rushville, erecting there a building for the purpose and equipping a good foundry in order to make these plows and place them upon the market. Throughout his life Samuel Book also engaged in the manufacture of wagons and buggies. In the year 1828, he was united in marriage to Miss Savilla Sain, a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, and they became the parents of seven sons and three daughters, namely: John, of this review; David and William H., who have passed away; Thomas, who is living in Athens county, Ohio; Samantha, deceased; George B., a resident of Rushville; Samuel M., also living in Rushville; Edward S., of Canton, Ohio; Sarah B., who makes her home with her brother John; and Clara E., the wife



of Fred L. Davis, of California. Samuel Book was an old-line Whig in his political affiliations until the time of the Civil war, when he became a Republican. He was also a member of the Methodist church.

John S. Book acquired his early education in a log school house that stood on the present site of the town hall of Rushville. When he was about ten years of age, however, the building was torn down and was replaced by a wooden structure, which in course of time was supplanted by a fine brick building. Mr. Book continued as a student of the public schools until he was sixteen years of age, when he began learning the harness making trade, filling a four years' apprenticeship in the town of Rushville. He afterward removed to Kentucky, where he remained for one and one-half years, there working at his trade of a saddler. On the expiration of that period he

removed to Missouri, where he was employed until 1860. In that year he removed to the Cherokee Nation in the Indian Territory, where he followed harness making for a year. On account of the Civil war and the hostility of people in the south to those who came from the north, he then left the territory and made his way to St. Louis, where he remained for some months, subsequently returning to Cincinnati. Since his return to Rushville, in 1884, he has worked to some extent at his trade and is now practically living a retired life, having reached the age of seventy-two years. In politics he is a Republican, but has taken no active part in political work. He has never sought or desired office. The only time he held a political position was when he served as town clerk. He belongs to one of the old families of the county and is well known in this portion of Ohio.

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### VAN H. GINDER.

Van H. Ginder was born in canton Basil, Switzerland, December 9, 1822, and is a son of John and Mary Ginder, both of whom were natives of the same province. They were fine silk ribbon weavers in the city of Basil, where they remained until 1829, when they came to America, sailing from Havre de Grace, France, on an American merchantman, which was forty-two days in crossing the Atlantic. For a short

time they remained in New York and thence proceeded to Albany by steamer, where they took boat for Buffalo on the Erie canal, proceeding thence across Lake Erie to Portland, Ohio. From the latter place they made their way in a one-horse wagon to Fairfield county, settling in the northeastern part of Liberty township. For a few days the father remained with a man living in that locality and then went to Wal-





nut township, where he continued with a man by the name of Christ Weaver until 1830. In that year he went to Greenfield township, where he purchased thirty acres of land, and both he and his wife died upon the farm which he there developed. They were the parents of three children, two sons and a daughter, John Ginder being the eldest. Anna Mary became the wife of Peter Walters and they removed to Hancock county, Ohio, where they developed a farm amidst the forest, but both are now deceased. Van H. is the youngest of the family. The father died in 1840, at the age of sixty-seven years, while the mother passed away in 1878, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, both being interred in St. Peters cemetery in Pleasant township. They were consistent and active members of the Reformed church, in which Mr. Ginder served as one of the deacons. They shaped their lives by their Christian belief and teachings and commanded the respect of all who knew them. In his political views the father was a Democrat.

Van H. Ginder began his education in the Paul school of Walnut township, his teacher being the daughter of old Jesse Pugh. He afterward continued his studies in school No. 1, in Greenfield township, under David Brant. The first school he attended, however, was a subscription school, lessons being given in an old log cabin. Mr. Ginder was largely employed in the acquirement of an education until 1841, when he began learning the blacksmith's trade, under the direction of Samuel Ross, of the village of Baltimore. He served an

apprenticeship for three and one-half years and then followed the trade as a journeyman. After his first marriage, in 1846, he conducted a blacksmith shop of his own in Baltimore, Ohio, and followed that pursuit for about thirty-two years, or until 1878. He now owns a rich and arable tract of thirty-five acres of farm land, also some village property, having judiciously placed his capital in the safest of all investments—real estate.

Mr. Ginder was married on the 29th of March, 1846, to Miss Rebecca Gunder, a native of Baltimore and a daughter of George and Sophia Gunder. The father died long prior to the marriage of his daughter, after which her mother made her home with our subject until called to her final rest. One child was born of this union, La Fayette, who died at the age of seventeen years and was buried at Basil, in 1868. His mother passed away in 1878, at the age of eighty-two years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1891 Mr. Ginder was again married, his second union being with Miss Fanny Kellenberger, a native of Baltimore, Maryland.

In 1870 Mr. Ginder was elected upon the Democratic ticket to the office of justice of the peace, in which capacity he served continuously until he had been in the office for thirty-two years. For eight years he was trustee of the Children's Home near Lancaster, for four years was trustee of Liberty township, while in 1890 he served as land appraiser of that township. He was mayor of the village of Baltimore for one year. He has been a consistent Demo-



erat through his entire life, frequently serving as a delegate to the conventions of his party. His wife is a member of the Reformed church, while Mr. Ginder belongs to the United Brethren church. A life of

industry, economy and activity has brought to our subject a very comfortable competence and as the years have passed Van H. Ginder has gained a creditable and leading position in financial circles.

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## JAMES POOL.

James Pool, now deceased, was a resident of Greenfield township, Fairfield county, and the qualities of an upright manhood were his, winning for him the esteem and confidence of his fellow men. He was born near Pittsburg, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1819, and was a son of William Pool, a native of England, who on crossing the Atlantic to America took up his abode in Washington county, Pennsylvania. The subject of this review acquired his education in the public schools and spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the county of his nativity. In 1842 he sought a home in Ohio, removing to Hocking county, where he engaged in farming for twenty years, becoming one of the successful, well known and esteemed agriculturists of that community. While there he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Waller, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Samuel Waller, whose birth occurred in Virginia, and who was a soldier of the war of 1812, while the grandfather of Mrs. Pool was one of the heroes of the Revolution, valiantly aiding in the struggle for independence.

In 1862 Mr. Pool went with his family to New Albany, Indiana, and there he established a marble and granite business in connection with his brother, the partnership, being maintained for four years. On the expiration of that period our subject sold out and in 1866 removed to Lancaster, Ohio, where he embarked in the same line of business. After conducting the enterprise for a while, however, he put aside cares along that line and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of fine farming land, a portion of which is within the corporate limits. He located thereon and throughout his remaining days gave his attention to the development and cultivation of the land, the rich fields returning to him golden harvests for his industry and diligence. He was very reliable in business and well does he deserve the success which he has gained.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pool were born four children, of whom three are now living. Asbury S. resides in Lancaster and married Miss Maria Stone, by whom he has seven children: Lola, Belle, Minnie, Frank, Harry, Smith and Ollie. Francis M.



wedded Miss Ollie Valentine and they reside in Lancaster. William died in youth. Margaret Elizabeth, to whom we are indebted for the history concerning her father, became the wife of Thomas J. McFarland, who for many years was a successful and popular traveling salesman. His parents were John C. and Amanda (Carlisle) McFarland, the former born in Greenfield township, September 22, 1819, was a son of Walter and Margaret (Courtright) McFarland, both of whom were early settlers of Greenfield township, Fairfield county, casting in their lot with the pioneers here. Unto Thomas J. McFarland and his wife have been born two children. The elder is Eugene, a resident of Greenfield township, who married Miss Julia O'Connor and they have three children—Margaret A., Mary and Frances B. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McFarland is Mary, the wife of Burns Schryver, of Circleville, Ohio. Mr. McFarland was called to his final rest

and his remains were interred in Forest Rose cemetery of Lancaster. He was devoted to his wife and children and also had many warm friends throughout the community.

Mr. Pool was a Democrat in his political views and he and his wife were active, zealous and earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Lancaster. He started out in life a poor boy, but accumulated a handsome competence during the years of an active and honorable business career. He possessed many sterling traits of character and wherever known was esteemed for his genuine worth. He died June 26, 1898, and was buried in Forest Rose cemetery. His wife, who was born in 1820, still survives him and is yet an active old lady of eighty-two years. The family is one that is widely and favorably known in Fairfield county, having long been residents within its borders.

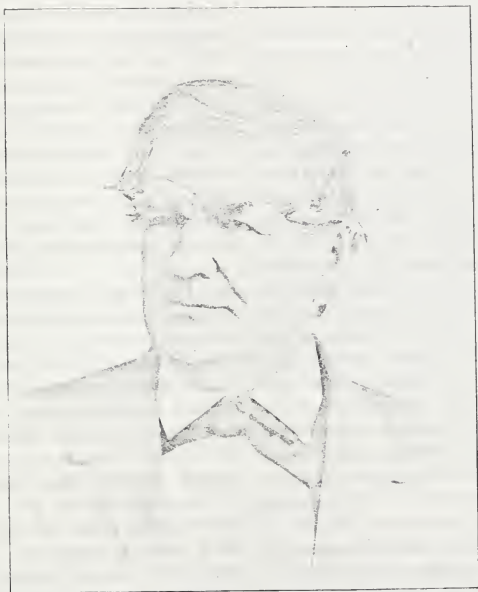
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### FRANKLIN L. FLOWERS, M. D.

It is an important public duty to honor and perpetuate as far as possible the memory of an eminent citizen—one who by his blameless and honorable life and distinguished career reflected credit not only upon the city in which he made his home but upon the state. Through such memorials as this at hand an individual and the character of

his services are kept in remembrance and the importance of those services acknowledged. His example in whatever fields his work may have been done thus stands as an object lesson to those who come after him, and though dead he still speaks. Long after all recollection of his personality shall have faded from the minds of men the less perish-





DR. F. L. FLOWERS





able record may tell the story of his life and commend his example for imitation. No man was ever more respected in the community in which he lived or ever more fully enjoyed the confidence of the people than Franklin L. Flowers. In his lifetime the people of this state rejoiced in his advancement and in the honors to which he attained, and since his death they have cherished his memory. He was one of the most successful pioneer physicians of Fairfield county, having gained a high and prominent position in a profession wherein wealth and influence availeth little or naught, the measure of success depending upon the mentality, ability—both natural and acquired—and the broad culture and ready sympathy of the individual.

Franklin Lambert Flowers was born upon a farm in Harrison county, Virginia, March 17, 1811, and died in Lancaster, Ohio, on the 21st of November, 1890. When quite young he accompanied his parents on their removal to Kentucky and after gaining a meagre education gained in a single term's attendance at the district school he finally studied medicine. He had, however, in the meantime, broadened his knowledge through reading, experience and observation. He became a student in the office and under the direction of Dr. George McCook, of New Lisbon, Columbiana county, Ohio. He attended one session of lectures in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, during the year 1834-5, and afterward began practice in Brownsville, and at different times continued his professional work at Rehoboth and New Lex-

ington. The year 1874 witnessed his arrival in Lancaster. Having practiced in the regular school of medicine for twenty-two years he had become a convert of homeopathy, and practiced according to the tenets of the school until his demise. He attended a course of lectures at the Western Homeopathic Medical College, from which he received the degree of Medical Doctor in 1864. During his residence in Lancaster he had a very lucrative practice and his office was for many years the headquarters for medical students and young physicians, who were always benefited by their association with the older member of the profession, receiving from him knowledge and advice that proved of great advantage to them in their practice. He was always the friend of the young physician and never hesitated to give to him out of the rich stores of his long experience and wisdom. Dr. Flowers was a constant student, and being a quick observer, he profited largely in the great school of experience. He had, too, a retentive mind, his memory partaking of the nature of the wonderful. He was quick to accept and recognize the utility of any idea advanced by the profession and to adapt it in his own professional work. He long held membership with the Ohio State Medical Society and thus became widely known throughout the state; but the Doctor did not confine his reading, study and investigation alone to the subjects bordering upon medical practice. He continued throughout his life a broad reader and became one of the best informed men in this portion of the state. The books that were his constant



companions during his leisure moments were Seneca's *Morals*, Pollock's *Course of Time* and Gibbons' *Rome*.

The Doctor was four times married, but his only surviving child is Mrs. Belle Graves, of Columbus, Ohio. His son, J. R. Flowers, who was a resident of the capital city, died a short time prior to the death of his father. There are now living eight grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. E. A. Clayton, of New Salem, Ohio, who has reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

Politically the Doctor was a staunch Democrat. In early life he took an active interest in politics, but during the last twenty-five years of his earthly existence his attention was devoted in an undivided manner to his profession. His practice continually grew in volume and importance and he was long recognized as one of the most capable members of the profession in this

portion of Ohio. He was an entertaining conversationalist and carried into the sick room not only the remedial restoratives that were administered but the sunshine of his own presence, which was also a helpful element in effecting cures. He was always hopeful and his own hope often inspired his patients. As a man and citizen he was highly respected. His kind heart was always beating in accord with the unfortunate. He was indeed a faithful and loyal friend who could be counted on in times of need. To know Dr. Flowers was to esteem and honor him. His friendship was much prized and it could be won by an honest, upright life. When he passed away Lancaster lost one of its best physicians, one of its truest and noblest citizens and a man whose integrity of purpose and honesty of dealing were beyond question. His memory is still enshrined in the hearts of many who knew him.

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## HENRY A. MARTENS.

The German element in our national commonwealth has been a very important one, the sons of the fatherland coming to the new world having readily adapted themselves to the different conditions, customs and habits of our people, and their enterprise, perseverance and reliability have made them valued citizens, who have contributed to the progress and advancement of

the land. A well known representative of this class is Henry A. Martens, recently closely connected with the industrial and commercial interests of Lancaster, but is now living in honored retirement from labor, his earnest and persistent efforts in former years having brought to him a handsome competence. He is what the world calls a self-made man, and his strength of char-



acter, his unflagging perseverance, reliability and activity have commanded for him the admiration and respect of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

Mr. Martens was born in the kingdom of Hanover, Germany, March 7, 1825. He as reared and educated in his native county, pursuing his studies between the age of six and fourteen years in accordance with the laws of his native land. After putting aside his text books he entered upon his business career as an apprentice to the carpenter's trade, serving faithfully for four years. He then traveled for a time as a journeyman, working at his trade in different important cities on the continent, but at length he determined to try his fortune in the new world, believing better opportunities for advancement in business were here offered. In 1845 he sailed for the port of New York, but landed at Baltimore after a hazardous voyage of nine weeks. At once he continued his journey by land until he had arrived in Fairfield county, Ohio, where he resided with his uncle, Frederick Martens, and there he was employed until his patriotic spirit prompted his enlistment as a defender of his adopted land in the war with Mexico. He became a member of the Fourth Ohio Regiment under command of Colonel Charles Bruff and took part in a number of engagements. He was then discharged at the close of hostilities and returned to Cincinnati, Ohio, whence he made his way to Fairfield county.

Mr. Martens resumed work at the carpenter's trade and eventually became what was known as a "boss carpenter" or master

workman. His first independent venture was in the line of merchandising. He purchased an interest in a hardware store in connection with T. J. Hansen, the firm becoming T. J. Hansen & Company, a style that was maintained for twelve years, on the expiration of which period Mr. Martens purchased Mr. Hansen's interest and the firm of H. A. Martens & Sons was organized. Practical, enterprising business men, the new firm was soon in the enjoyment of a large and constantly increasing business. In their store, located on Main street, they carried an extensive line of shelf and heavy hardware and farm machinery and buggies, and their enterprise, their honorable dealings and earnest desire to please secured to them a profitable trade. The business of Martens & Sons was long regarded as one of the leading mercantile concerns of the city, being successfully conducted by our subject and his sons until January, 1901, when the father retired from the active management, leaving the younger members of the firm to control and extend their business interests. Since that time our subject has devoted his attention merely to superintending his invested interests and to the enjoyments of life, which are afforded by his leisure, the companionship of friends, and the pleasures of home. A man of resourceful ability, he has not confined his efforts alone to one line. He was financially interested in and for several years was the president of the Hocking Valley National Bank and for an extended period served as one of its directors.

Of his sons, McClellan and Albert, in 1901, erected what is known as the Mar-



tens block, a fine substantial three-story brick structure, fronting the public square and extending from Main street to the alley. It is forty-seven by one hundred and eighty feet and is a most modern and well equipped block. The first floor is used for stores and the second and third for offices. It is heated throughout by steam and lighted by gas and electricity, and the elevator is run by water power. This splendid building is not only a credit to the city, but is a monument to the enterprise and progressive spirit of Mr. Martens and his three sons.

Mr. Martens was united in marriage to Miss Mary Shoemaker, of Fairfield county, Ohio, a daughter of Samuel Shoemaker, a native of Pennsylvania, who became an early settler and highly respected citizen of Fairfield county. He married Miss Martha Bixby, also a native of the Keystone state, and among their children was Mrs. Martens. Unto our subject and his wife have been born six children: William L., who follows agricultural pursuits; Albert H., McClellan and Charles D., who are associated in business as hardware merchants and occupy a leading position in commercial circles in Lancaster; Sarah, the wife of George Orman, a member of the firm of Orman Brothers, prominent lumber dealers of Lancaster; and Ella, the wife of Charles D. Webb, who is now residing in Decatur, Illinois. The mother died in 1887, leaving many warm friends to mourn her loss. She was devoted to her family and was an acceptable and consistent member of St. Peter's Lutheran church. Mr. Martens has since married Mrs. Christina Nester, a daughter of

Charles and Elizabeth Baumann. In addition to his pleasant home and other property interests in Lancaster, Mr. Martens owns a valuable and richly cultivated farm of two hundred and seven acres in Fairfield county, and the rental therefrom adds materially to his income.

To the Democratic party Mr. Martens gives his political support, believing firmly in its principles, and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office. For twelve years he served as justice of the peace, his impartial rulings and fidelity to duty winning him high commendation. He was also clerk and treasurer of Madison township, having been appointed to the latter position in 1870. In 1875 he was elected treasurer of Fairfield county for a term of two years and filled the office so acceptably that he was re-elected in 1877, his incumbency covering a period of four years, at the expiration of which time he retired from office as he had entered it, with the confidence and good will of the public. His political career, like his private life, is above reproach. Possessing a philanthropic and benevolent spirit, many have reason to gratefully remember Henry Martens for timely assistance rendered in their hour of need. He was instrumental in establishing the Fairfield County Children's Home, which was organized in 1882. He became one of its trustees and was also president of the board, giving his services gratuitously for the benefit of the institution, which is one of the most creditable in the county, its beneficent purpose making it worthy the support and co-operation of all those whose





humanitarian spirit recognizes the brotherhood of mankind. The most envious could not grudge Mr. Martens his success, so honorably has it been won and so worthily used. He came to this country in limited financial circumstances, but embracing every opportunity for business advancement he has worked his way steadily upward, his

perseverance, diligence and enterprise enabling him to steadily advance toward the goal of prosperity. He sustains an unsailable reputation in business circles and now in the evening of life he commands the respect, good will, confidence and approbation of his fellow townsmen to an unusual degree.

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### JOSEPH CHRISTY.

In the front rank of the columns which have advanced the civilization of Ohio, Mr. Christy has led the way to the substantial development, progress and upbuilding of Fairfield county, being particularly active in promoting its growth, especially along agricultural lines. His memory goes back to the time when this entire district was but sparsely settled, when the forests stood in their primeval strength, little of the land having been reclaimed for the purpose of civilization. It was just as it came from the hand of nature, and awaited the awakening touch of the plow and cultivator to become a productive tract.

Seventy-five years ago Joseph Christy first opened his eyes to the light of day, his birthplace being Amanda township, Fairfield county. His paternal grandfather, Henry Christy, was born in Pennsylvania, and about 1790 came to Ohio, locating in this county, where he spent his remaining days. He entered a large tract of government land

lying in Amanda and Clear Lake townships, and at once began to clear it and make it ready for the plow. In the midst of the forest he built a log cabin and developed a good home for his family, his residence being located in the edge of Clear Creek township. There he lived until his death, which occurred in the home of his son Henry, the father of our subject. The grandfather was a prosperous and progressive man, who aided in laying deep and broad the foundation for the present development and advanced condition of this portion of Ohio. His well directed efforts in business resulted in bringing to him very creditable and gratifying success. He accumulated a large amount of property, which he eventually divided among his children.

Among his sons was Henry Christy, the father of Joseph, our subject. He was born in Maryland, near the site of Hagerstown, and about 1800 was brought to Ohio by his parents. He was a resident of Fairfield



county, residing upon the land which his father had purchased. After arriving at years of maturity he devoted his attention to general farming and stock raising, and found in that branch of business activity a source of income, which compensated him well and enabled him to provide a comfortable competence for his wife and children. He owned and cultivated two hundred acres of land, which was given him by his father, and his place was ever noted for its neat and thrifty appearance and for the splendid fields of grain, giving promise of abundant harvests. His fellow townsmen recognized his worth and ability, frequently calling him to public office, and among other positions which he filled, he served as justice of the peace. He voted with the Democracy, strongly endorsing its principles. His able co-operation was ever given to movements for the general good and he was accounted one of the valued and representative men of Fairfield county. He manifested his loyalty to his country by enlisting in the war of 1812, serving until the close of hostilities. Both he and his wife belonged to the Lutheran church. His death occurred in 1835, when Joseph Christy was eight years of age, while the mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Firestone, died on the old home place in 1869 at the ripe old age of seventy years. Twelve children had been born of that union.

Joseph Christy, the ninth in order of birth, was the youngest of six sons and is the only one now living. At the usual age he entered the public schools of his district, therein mastering the common branches of

English learning, while under his father's direction he became familiar with farm work in its various departments. He remained on the old homestead until after his marriage, which important event in his life occurred in 1850. The wife of his choice was Miss Hannah Steward, a daughter of Charles Steward, a prominent farmer of Amanda township, who died about fifteen years ago. Mr. Christy brought his bride to the old home and there carried on farming for some time, after which he purchased a tract of land in Clear Creek township, belonging to the estate of his brother. For a few years he resided on that place and then bought his present farm in Amanda township, making his home thereon continuously since 1858. It consists of one hundred acres of rich land, all of which is under cultivation, and well tilled fields return to him golden harvests. Nearly all of the improvements upon the place are the work of his hands. He has a large and substantial frame dwelling, good barns and other outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He uses the latest improved machinery in cultivating the fields and facilitating the farm work, and intelligence, industry and thrift characterize all departments of this country home. Mr. Christy has given his time and attention throughout the years of his manhood as well as his youth to general farming and stock raising, and creditable success crowns his efforts.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Christy has been blessed with twelve children, of whom two died in infancy. Ten of the number are still living, as follows: Nancy Ann is



the wife of Amos Aldenderfer, a farmer of Amanda township, and their children are Laura, Dora, Arthur and Joseph. Charles H., a resident farmer of Amanda township, married Martha Griffith, a daughter of James Griffith, by whom he has nine children: Milton, Kirby, Bert, Orpha, Alpha, Millard and Willard, twins, John and Mary. Lewis F., who carries on agricultural pursuits in Amanda township, married Malinda Boucher, and they have three children, Florence, Thomas and Ruth. Jenima is the wife of Eli Aldenderfer, who carries on agricultural pursuits in Clear Creek township, and they have three children—Edward, Nora and Clark. Alice is the wife of Frank Wilson, a resident farmer of Amanda township, and their children are Stella, William, Bertha, Marie, Ray and Ada. Emma is the wife of John Myers, a tile manufacturer of Amanda township, and their children are Effie and Helen. James, a railroad engineer of Kansas City, is married and has three children, Harold, Howard and an infant daughter. Sherman, a resident farmer of Amanda township, married Miss Ellen Huffman. Minnie is the wife of Albert

Marion, who resides upon her father's farm, and they have one daughter, Clara. Lucy is the wife of Charles Barr, an agriculturist of Amanda township, by whom she has three children—Selma, Elmer and Sherman.

Politically Mr. Christy is a Democrat and while he believes that the principles of that party will best serve the public welfare, he has never sought or desired office. He has witnessed many changes and improvements in Fairfield county, taking an interest in all that has worked toward the same, and bearing his part in developing what is now one of the richest farming districts of the state. Few men are more widely or more prominently known in the enterprising county of Fairfield than Joseph Christy. He has been an important factor in agricultural circles and his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, an industry that never flags, and a remarkable degree of energy. He takes great pleasure in the society of his family and friends, is always courteous, kindly and affable, and those who know him personally have for him a warm regard.

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### NEWTON PETERS.

For more than seventy years Newton Peters has traveled life's journey in Fairfield county, and although he has passed the psalmist's span of three score years and ten,

he is yet an active factor in agricultural circles, being a prominent farmer of Greenfield township, his home being located on section 35. He was born in Amanda town-



ship, Fairfield county, on the 19th of September, 1829. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Peters, was one of three brothers who came to America from Russia. Later no news of the location of one of the brothers could be received; one died in Baltimore, while the grandfather of our subject spent his last days in Amanda township, where he passed away in 1829. He was one of the honored pioneer settlers of Fairfield county and took an active interest in the early development and progress of this portion of the state. In his family were thirteen children and two of the number were married and had thirteen children each.

Robinson J. Peters, the father of our subject, was born in Maryland in 1797, and in 1812 came to Ohio with his parents, first locating in Richland township, where he was reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life. The work of progress and development had scarcely been begun at that time and many hardships and trials had to be endured by the early settlers, who sought to establish homes in the midst of the forests. Robinson J. Peters was united in marriage in Amanda township in 1823 to Miss Elizabeth Gallagher, who was born in that township in 1802, her parents having removed from Pennsylvania to this county at a pioneer epoch in its history. The Gallagher family was of Irish lineage and in colonial days was established in America. Unto the parents of our subject were born seven children, five of whom reached years of maturity, namely: Zebulon, a resident of Hocking township; Mary, the widow of Thomas Cochran; Sarah Jane, the widow of

Thomas D. Whiley; and Alvira, who died after attaining womanhood. Two of the children died in infancy.

Newton Peters was the third child and second son of the family and when he was about eleven years of age his parents removed to Lancaster. He acquired his education in the district schools and spent his youth in the usual manner of boys of that period, his time being devoted to the duties of the school room, the pleasures of the playground and to various business cares.

On the 12th of November, 1857, Newton Peters was united in marriage to Lydia Eversole, a native of Berne township, Fairfield county, born August 1, 1840, her parents being David and Elizabeth (Miller) Eversole, who were early settlers of this county, coming to Ohio from Virginia, in which state they were born, reared and married. In their family were five sons and five daughters, Mrs. Peters being the sixth child and third daughter. She was reared in her native township and there remained until she gave her hand in marriage to Newton Peters. They began their domestic life upon a farm, which is still their home, and seven children came to bless their union: Preston, who married Catherine Groom and resides in Pickaway county, Ohio; Charles, who married Nannie Trimble and is living in Greenfield township; Elizabeth P., the wife of James Claypool, of Greenfield township; Robinson J., who wedded Ida E. Compton and lives in the same township; Martha P., the wife of Charles A. Stoppel, of Lancaster; Gaylord Clark, who married Nellie Eda Timbers and is living in this county; and Jessie, who





is still with her parents. All of the children were born upon the home farm where our subject now resides.

Mr. Peters has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He built his present brick residence in 1868 and has made many substantial improvements upon his land. As his financial resources have increased he has also added to his property and is now the owner of two hundred and thirty acres of valuable land on the home tract, while in addition he has two hundred and thirty acres in Pickaway county, a farm of two hundred acres in Bloomfield township and one hundred and fifty-six acres in Greenfield township, adjoining the farm of Joseph W. Wilson, while another farm in the same township, which he owns, comprises eighty acres, so that his landed possessions altogether aggregate nine hundred and sixty acres. All

that he possesses has been acquired through his own industry, and his diligence and perseverance have been leading factors in his successful career. Mr. Peters cast his first presidential vote for Winfield Scott and supported the Whig party until the organization of the Republican. He voted for President Lincoln in 1860 and 1864 and cast his last presidential vote for the lamented William McKinley. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Lancaster and his life has ever been in consistent harmony with its teachings and principles. Through almost three-quarters of a century he has witnessed the development and progress of his county and at all times has borne his part in the work of improvement. He takes great interest in what has been accomplished and has long been regarded as a valued and representative citizen.

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### DAVID E. KISSINGER.

In a review of the life history of many of the leading and enterprising citizens of Fairfield county, we note that quite a large proportion are native sons of this section of Ohio. Mr. Kissinger was born on a farm in Amanda township, July 6, 1864, and comes of an old family of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Isaac Kissinger, was born in the Keystone state and was married there to Elizabeth Dindore. Later they sought a

home in Ohio, becoming early settlers of Amanda township. The father, Richard Kissinger, was born in Reading in the Keystone state, in 1830, and when quite young accompanied his parents to Ohio, the family settling on a farm in Amanda township, Fairfield county. To his father he gave the benefit of his services for many years and after the death of his parents he continued to reside on the old homestead, where he



carried on general farming and stock-raising, his efforts being so discerningly directed along well defined lines of labor that he became a prosperous farmer of the county. He gave to the Democracy his political support and was identified with the Evangelical church and one of its active workers and elders. He married Miss Sarah Bell, a native of Fairfield county. She was born in Amanda township and was a daughter of Samuel Bell, a representative of an old and honored family that came from Pennsylvania to this portion of the state at a very day. Mrs. Kissinger was born in 1842 and became the mother of three children, Emma J., David E. and Dora B., but the last named is now deceased.

David E. Kissinger was reared upon the old home farm, working in the fields from the time of early spring planting until the harvests were garnered. He then entered the district schools, pursuing his studies until the following spring. Coming to Lan-

caster he began studying photography under the direction of J. H. Tobias, from whom he learned the business, remaining with that gentleman for four years. In 1894 he opened a gallery of his own, and equipped his studio with all the latest appliances required in the art. His methods are modern, his work satisfactory and his patronage is constantly increasing.

Mr. Kissinger has been twice married, his present wife having borne the maiden name of Adelia Humphreys. She is a daughter of Samuel Humphreys, who was born in Virginia, but became a resident of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Kissinger is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Amanda Lodge, No. 509, F. & A. M. He has chosen as a life work a vocation for which he is well suited, and, keeping in touch with the progress which is being continually made in the profession, he has already gained an enviable reputation and merited prosperity.

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## WILLIAM CRUIT.

William Cruit, now deceased, was born in Greenfield township, near Lancaster, May 8, 1832, and died in the same locality December 2, 1894. His life span therefore covered sixty-two years and it was a period in which he accomplished much in a business way and at the same time manifested a loyalty in citizenship and a fidelity to all

that is honorable and right in manhood. He was a son of William and Hannah (Moon) Cruit. His parents were both natives of England and there spent the days of their childhood and youth, coming to the United States soon after their marriage. They located in Washington, Ohio, and in that locality the father engaged in farming



for some time, but subsequently came to Fairfield county, taking up his abode in Greenfield township, where both he and his wife spent the residue of their days and died at an advanced age, both being about seventy when called to the home beyond. They were faithful and earnest members of the Methodist church and their lives were in consistent harmony with their religious belief. In their family were eleven children, five of whom are yet living.

William Cruit, one of the number, obtained his early education in the district schools which he attended through the winter months, while in the summer season he assisted in the labors of the field and meadow, working upon his father's farm in Greenfield township. During the Civil war he responded to his country's call for aid, and enlisted for ten days' service. The occupation to which he was reared he made his life work and after his marriage followed that pursuit in order to provide for his family. It was on the 27th of March, 1855, that he was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Kiger, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bolenbaugh) Kiger. The father was a native of Virginia and a son of Henry and Polly Kiger, who were married in 1802. They became the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters. The mother, Mrs. Polly Kiger, reached the extreme old age of one hundred and five years and passed away on Christmas day of 1884, while Mr. Kiger died in 1882, aged one hundred years. Their son, John Kiger, was born March 19, 1811, and died at the age of seventy-nine years, six months and twenty-two days. It was on the 16th of

January, 1834, that he married Elizabeth Bolenbaugh, who proved to him a faithful companion and helpmate along the journey of life. He was long a resident of Fairfield county, settling in Amanda township, where he was at the time of his removal to this place. There he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred about eleven years ago. He was a very prominent man, not only in a business way but in political affairs, his opinions carrying weight on account of their practical and convincing qualities. His wife departed this life about a year previous to the death of her husband.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cruit was blessed with eight children, and five of that number are yet living. Edith died at the age of fifteen months. Alice is the wife of Israel Christ, a farmer and fruit grower of Bloom township, and they have four children: Ersie, Annie, Kirby and William. Elizabeth is the wife of Albert Heins, who is engaged in blacksmithing in Royalton, Fairfield county, and their children were Mamie and Ruth, at home, and Glenn, now deceased. John is a resident farmer of Greenfield township, who married Pauline Kemp, and their children are Hazel, Ure Agnes, Merrill and Frances. Anna is the wife of Dr. Monhank, of Royalton, and they have two children, Mary and Chester. Hetta is the wife of Jesse Hughes, a son of John Hughes, a prominent farmer of Amanda township. W. J. was born upon the farm where they are now living, and he married Sarah Lezenbe. Jesse Hughes resides upon the farm owned by our subject, and has two children, Freeman Cruit and



Charline. Clara died at the age of four years and twenty-seven days. Hannan died at the age of four years and twenty-eight days. All of the children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Cruit were natives of Fairfield county.

Mr. Cruit was a most earnest and consistent Christian man, and during the greater part of his life was a devoted worker and advocate of the Methodist church. At all times he was true to manly principles, was honorable in business dealings and straightforwad in all his relations with friend or stranger. He owned and operated one hundred and thirty-six acres of valuable land and throughout his active life carried on agricultural pursuits. Most of the im-

provements upon the place stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He provided liberally for his family in this way and was also a generous contributor to the church with which he was identified. He took an active interest in the rebuilding of Mount Zion church, and of all things tending to promote the cause of Christianity. His widow still survives him and yet resides upon the old home farm, surrounded by all the comforts of life as a result of her husband's industry and care for her. Mr. Cruit also left to his family that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches, and though he has passed away his influence remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him.

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### GEORGE W. KIGER.

George W. Kiger is the owner of a valuable farm of four hundred and fifty acres in Amanda township and is accounted one of the highly respected citizens of Fairfield county. He was born in Virginia on the 27th of October, 1818, and with his parents came to Ohio when six years of age, so that almost his entire life has been passed in this state. He is a son of Henry and Polly (Waltuc) Kiger. His paternal grandfather, George Kiger, was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war who, when the colonies no longer able to patiently endure the oppression of the mother country attempted

to throw off all allegiance to the British crown, joined the colonial forces and fought for national liberty. After the independence of the Union was won he came to Ohio and resided in Fairfield county until he had attained the very advanced age of one hundred and ten years, when he was called to his final rest.

The father of our subject was a native of Virginia and in middle life came to Ohio, locating at once in Amanda township, Fairfield county, where he entered more than four hundred acres of land which was wild and unimproved, but he at once began to







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improve it and put it under cultivation and succeeded in making a comfortable home for his family. He engaged in farming in Amanda township until his death and was a very industrious and progressive man, whose well directed labors won him prosperity. He accumulated much property and was therefore accounted one of the substantial as well as one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community. He, too, manifested his loyalty to his native land in times of war, becoming a soldier in the war of 1812. The family is certainly noted for longevity, for Henry Kiger had passed the one hundred and third milestone on life's journey at the time of his death, and his wife was in her one hundred and seventh year at the time she was called to the home beyond. She was a native of Germany, and to her husband she proved a very able helpmate and assistant. Both held membership in the Methodist church, and Mr. Kiger was a Democrat in his political views. In their family were six children, of whom George W. was the youngest. The only other surviving member of the family is Lewis, who is a retired farmer of Amanda township.

George W. Kiger, of this review, obtained his early education in the district schools near his home and remained under the parental roof until he was thirty years of age, when he started out upon an independent business career. He purchased a farm near Lancaster, on the edge of Amanda township, and there carried on agricultural pursuits for a number of years. At length he sold his property and purchased his present farm, then comprising one hundred and

thirty-eight acres, but since that time he has added to the property until within the boundaries of his farm are now comprised more than four hundred and fifty acres. He has lived at his present home for the past nineteen years and nearly all of the improvements upon the place are the work of his hands and stand as monuments to his industry, and therefore everything about the place is kept in splendid condition. The buildings and fences are well repaired and the fields are highly cultivated.

At the time he left the old homestead Mr. Kiger was married to Miss Anville Shawen, a native of Fairfield county and a daughter of Josiah Shawen, one of the early settlers of this county. He was a carpenter by trade and became a prosperous man. Mrs. Kiger died about forty years ago at the Turkey Run farm, where they were then living. She was the mother of three children, two of whom survive her, Irvin having died at the age of nine years. Henry is a resident farmer of Amanda township, where he operates one hundred acres of land. He married Elizabeth Dunn, Rufus, the second son, resides in Van Wert county, Ohio, where he is engaged in the cultivation of two hundred acres of land. He married Ephema Elder, and they have five children, namely: Merty, Carrie, George, Laura and Omer. For his second wife Mr. Kiger chose Carilla Gallagher, a native of this county, and they became the parents of three sons and one daughter, all of whom are yet living. John resides at Villagrove, Colorado, where he is engaged in practicing medicine. He married Emma Neinhardt



and they have one son, George M. George W., the second of the family, resides in Oregon, where he is engaged in the brokerage business. He married May Della Sturgeon. Charles was a farmer of Amanda township and wedded Letta Barr, by whom he had three children, Ethel, Fay and Des-sil, but Fay is now deceased. Alice is the wife of William Kiger, a practicing dentist of Columbus, Ohio, and they have one child, Dorothy Ruth.

Mr. Kiger, whose name begins this review, gives his political support to the Republican party and is a member of the Methodist church. He has witnessed nearly the entire development and progress of this

portion of the state, having been a resident of Fairfield county since 1824. There were no railroads or pikes when he came and nearly the entire county was covered by a dense growth of forest. He has witnessed its transformation from a wild region to one of the richest farming portions of this great state and has helped to make the county what it is to-day. He has been very successful in his business affairs and is very generous with his children, giving each a good start in life. His life has at all times been worthy of commendation and of emulation and no one more justly deserves the regard of his fellow man than does George W. Kiger.

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### ANDREW A. BRADFORD, M. D.

The profession of medicine has elicited the energies of many men of marked ability and sterling worth. Many claim that the profession ranks first among the callings of men, and it is an undisputed fact that it stands among the highest, its purpose being to alleviate suffering and to restore to man his most prized possession—health. Its followers are usually men of strong mentality, keenly analytical, and with broad sympathy in addition to a love of scientific research, and without these qualities a member of the profession cannot rise beyond the ranks of mediocrity. Possessing the requisite qualities of the successful practitioner Dr. Brad-

ford is now enjoying a liberal patronage in Bremen, where he makes his home, and throughout the surrounding district.

The Doctor comes of an ancestry honorable and distinguished. He is of English lineage and traces the line of descent back to Governor William Bradford, who came to the new world with the Plymouth colony and settled in Massachusetts. He became and long served as governor of the colony. Later generations of the family figured conspicuously in connection with important events concerning the history of Virginia and Maryland. John Bradford, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in the



Old Dominion and emigrating westward settled in the midst of the green woods of Muskingum county, Ohio, becoming one of its pioneer settlers. His son, John Bradford, Jr., was born in Highland township, Muskingum county, and was the grandfather of the Doctor. The latter was a son of Harvey Bradford, who was born on the old home farm in Muskingum county, which was later the birthplace of the Doctor. There reared to manhood Harvey Bradford carried on agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life. He married Eliza Jane Noble, who was born in Ireland and when four years of age was brought to America by her father, Henry Noble, who crossed the Atlantic with his family.

Upon the old home farm Dr. Bradford first opened his eyes to the light of day, October 10, 1862, and at the usual age he entered the districts schools, where he pursued his lessons, mostly through the winter months, for in the summer seasons he assisted in the work of the fields. Later he continued his studies in Bloomfield, Ohio, where he remained for several years, and when he had completed his literary course took up the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. J. Morris Lane, of that

place. He afterward entered the Toledo Medical College, of Toledo, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1884. He remained in the office of his preceptor until 1886, and then located in Oakland, Fairfield county, Ohio, where he remained three years, after which he spent two years in Stoutsville. In 1892 he removed to Lancaster, where he spent two years, and then came to Bremen, where he soon secured a large and lucrative practice. In order to add to his proficiency, in 1892 he pursued a post-graduate course in the Chicago Polyclinic College.

On the 30th of June, 1881, Dr. Bradford was united in marriage to Miss Sarah S. Wilson, of Muskingum county, a daughter of John and Martha (Sims) Wilson. This union has been blessed with three children, but Laura E. died in her seventeenth year. The surviving children are Ralph Emerson and Alda. The Doctor is a member of Stoutsville Lodge, No. 255, K. P., and in his political affiliations he is a Democrat. He has served for several years as a member of the school board and for one term was mayor of Bremen. He manifests a deep and active interest in everything pertaining to the general welfare and as a citizen, as well as a physician, takes high rank.

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### HENRY W. GEIGER.

Henry W. Geiger, who devotes his time and energies to agricultural pursuits, his home being on section 3, Pleasant township, is numbered among the native sons of Fair-

field county, for his birth occurred in Rushville on the 22d of May, 1848. He comes of an old Virginian family. His paternal great-grandfather, Adam Geiger, was a na-





tive of Woodstock, Virginia, and in 1806 came west with his family, being numbered among the pioneer settlers of Fairfield county. Here he purchased six hundred and forty acres of land in Pleasant township, and a part of this is now included within the corporation limits of Pleasantville. Throughout his remaining days he engaged in the development and improvement of his land.

His son, David Geiger, the grandfather of our subject, accompanied his parents in their removal from the Old Dominion to Fairfield county and resided with them upon a farm near Pleasantville until his marriage in 1807 to Catherine Winegardner. They began their domestic life upon a farm in the locality and unto them were born two sons: John, who resided upon a farm in Indiana until his death; and Herbert. A few days after the birth of the younger son the mother died, and later David Geiger married Elizabeth Howdysshell. They became the parents of three children: David, Mary and Elizabeth, all of whom are now deceased. Throughout the years of his business career the grandfather of our subject followed agricultural pursuits near Pleasantville and there died in 1826.

Herbert Geiger, the father of our subject, was born at Pleasantville on the 10th of September, 1810, and when the days of his boyhood and youth had passed he was married on the 8th of April, 1847, to Sarah Lamb. He had been reared by his grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Winegardner, who lived on a farm near Rushville. There he continued to make his home until he en-

gaged in business for himself. When twenty-five years of age he entered into partnership with Mr. Reed in conducting a general store in Rushville. After a few years Mr. Reed sold his interest to George Crawford and the firm became Geiger & Crawford. Later the senior partner purchased the interest of Mr. Crawford and then conducted the business alone until 1845, when he sold the store and he and his uncle, Henry Winegardner, established a tannery in Rushville. Two years later he purchased his uncle's interest and was sole owner and manager of the enterprise from 1847 until 1856, when, his health having become impaired, he closed out the tannery business and purchased a farm of two hundred and sixty-four acres south of Rushville. He had also inherited one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 12, Walnut township, from his mother, and to this farm he removed. In 1873 he took up his abode at New Salem, Fairfield county, and there practically lived retired save for the attention which his property demanded. His death occurred in that place in 1892. As before stated, he married Sarah Lamb, who was born December 28, 1821, a daughter of William Lamb, a farmer and stock-raiser of this county and a representative of one of the earliest families here. Unto Herbert and Sarah Geiger were born two children: Henry W. and Alwilda C., the latter the wife of Professor William M. Wikoff. They reside in New Salem, Ohio.

In the usual manner of farm lads of the period Henry W. Geiger was reared and educated, and when he had attained to man's



estate he chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Miss Clemantine E. Berry, the wedding taking place October 2, 1870. Her father, Edward Berry, was a farmer of this county, as was her grandfather, who also bore the name of Edward Berry and was among the early settlers of the county, coming from Maryland to Ohio in 1805. A large number of his descendants are living in various parts of the county and

are mostly well-to-do farmers and good citizens. The marriage of our subject and his wife has been blessed with three children, who are yet living: Emmitt C., who wedded May Bugh and is a farmer of Pleasant township; Edward H., who married Gertrude Friend and resides in Walnut township; Alwilda H., who is a member of her parents' household and is pursuing her education.

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## HENRY CONRAD.

Henry Conrad, one of the highly respected citizens of Fairfield county, was born in Clear Creek township on the 10th of July, 1841, his parents being Henry and Sarah (Walters) Conrad. At the usual age he entered the public schools and through the periods of vacation assisted in work on the home farm, where he remained until he was twenty-one years of age. Upon the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in Company I, Ninetieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, joining the army on the 13th of August, 1862. He was wounded at the battle of Stone River on the 31st of December of the same year, and was sent to the hospital at Nashville and afterward to Cincinnati and thence to Camp Chase, Ohio, where, on account of his injury, he was honorably discharged on the 4th of April, 1863. He then returned to his home and farm, but when he had recovered his health he could not con-

tent himself to remain in Ohio while his country was endangered, and re-enlisted as a member of the One Hundred and Fiftyninth Regiment of National Guards, with which he went to the front, serving for one hundred days. He was then mustered out in August, 1864, at Zanesville, Ohio, having spent the one hundred days' service at Baltimore. During this time he held the rank of second-sergeant in his company.

Taking up his abode in Fairfield county, Mr. Conrad resumed farming. In 1870 he purchased his present place in Clear Creek township, comprising eighty-five acres of rich land, on which he erected a large and attractive frame residence and has made many excellent improvements, having a well kept farm supplied with all modern accessories and conveniences. In appearance it is neat and thrifty, and everything about the place indicates the careful supervision of the



progressive and practical owner. The home is presided over by a most estimable lady, who in her maidenhood was Miss Sophia Peters, daughter of George Peters, one of the early settlers of Fairfield county, who owned the farm upon which Mr. and Mrs. Conrad are now living. He died forty years ago. The marriage of our subject and his wife was celebrated in November, 1864, and has been blessed with three children, all of whom are yet living. Adelle is the wife of W. W. Doner, by whom she has three children: Harry W., Arthur H. and Ralph C. Minnie is the wife of V. V. Cuckler, of Lancaster, Ohio, an employe in a shoe factory there. George S. is employed in Cincinnati, Ohio, and married Miss Stella Theiring, by whom he has one child, Mildred. All of the children were born upon the old home place in Clear Creek township, and attended the district schools, while George was a student in the college of Delaware, Ohio, and likewise pursued a commercial course in different business colleges.

Mr. Conrad is now serving as school

director, which position he has filled for three years. He has been a judge of elections for the past six years and in politics is a staunch Republican, but while he has held some offices, he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. Socially he was connected with the Grand Army post at Amanda during its existence. For forty-two years he has been a member of the Methodist church, taking a most helpful part and being very much interested in its work. He has served as trustee, steward and class-leader, filling all of those offices at the present time, together with that of Sunday-school superintendent. He puts forth every effort in his power to advance the cause of Christianity and his labors have not been without effect. So honorable and upright is his life that he commands in a high degree the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been associated, and well does he deserve mention in this volume, devoted as it is to the lives of representative citizens.

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### FRED L. MAUGER.

In Democratic circles Fred L. Mauger is widely known and on the roster of public officials of Fairfield county appears his name, for he is now capably serving in the position of auditor. He is a native of the Keystone state, his birth having occurred

in Berks county, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of February, 1840. In the year 1854 his father and mother, with their four sons, emigrated westward, taking up their abode in Fairfield county, Ohio, in April of that year. His father was a carpenter and build-



er and throughout his entire life engaged in business along those lines. His political support was given the Democracy and he was a member of the German Reformed church. Unto him and his wife were born four sons: Eli, who is living in Etna, Licking county, Ohio; Fred L., of this review; Jacob L., who is a farmer of Pataskala, Licking county; and Daniel, who was born February 22, 1848, and is now engaged in farming near Baltimore, Fairfield county.

All departments of life are being continuously recruited from the farms. The boys reared amid the surroundings of rural life displaying strength of character as well as of physical manhood, make their way to the cities and become active factors in the various pursuits which constitute activity in the various lines that contribute to upbuilding and prosperity there. Fred L. Manger was reared upon the home farm in the usual manner of boys of the period, working in the fields through the summer months, while in the district schools he acquired his early education. He was thus engaged until twenty-one years of age, after which he became a student in a select school taught by Professor Isaac Johnson in Reynoldsburg. Later he began teaching, following that profession at Wagram. He then attended Central College in Franklin county for two terms and while there was elected major of the Third Ohio Militia of Licking county, the commission being signed by Governor Tod. In September, 1862, Mr. Manger joined the Squirrel Hunters in response to the call of the governor for men to aid in the defense of Cincinnati, which was threat-

ened by Morgan of the Confederacy. They were stationed at Camp Nickelson, seven miles from Covington, Kentucky, where they remained one week, Morgan retreating. In 1864 Mr. Manger was agent for the Home Insurance Company of Columbus, and the following year went to Nashville, Tennessee, where he was employed by the government as assistant steward of the Summer street quarters, having charge of about seven hundred and fifty men, who were doing government work. There he remained until after the close of the war. He then returned to Fairfield county, Ohio, and was engaged in teaching school through sixteen consecutive winters, while in the summer months he engaged in the work of the farm.

In 1869 Mr. Manger was united in marriage to Miss Rachel A. Roby, of Fairfield county, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Seibert) Roby, who came from Virginia to Fairfield county, bringing the most of their effects upon a pack-saddle. They are still living in Walnut township and Mrs. Roby is now in her eighty-third year. Mrs. Manger died October 1, 1884, and Mina Helen, the only child born to our subject and his wife, passed away March 2, 1900.

As a citizen Mr. Manger is deeply interested in all that pertains to public progress and improvement. When in his twenty-second year he was elected a major of the Third Ohio Militia and remained an active member of that military organization for several years. In fraternal circles he is quite prominent, being a valued representative of the Masonic lodge, No. 537, of Mil-





lersport; Chapter No. 11, R. A. M.; Lancaster Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; the Eastern Star lodge; and the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party and has filled a number of township offices. He has also been assessor and township land appraiser, and has had in charge the settlement of several important estates. In November, 1900, he

was elected county auditor for a term of three years and on the 21st of October, 1901, entered upon the duties of his position. His unbending integrity of character, his fearlessness in the discharge of his duties and his appreciation of the responsibilities that rest upon him are such as to make him a most acceptable incumbent of the office and his worth is widely acknowledged.

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## HENRY H. WALTERS.

When the tocsin of war sounded at the time when the spirit of rebellion reigned in the south, men from all walks of life flocked to the standard of the Union, putting aside business cares and home ties to perform their duty to their country upon the field of battle. Henry H. Walters was among the loyal sons of Fairfield county who joined the northern army and since his retirement from military life he has been equally faithful to his native land and her best interests.

Mr. Walters was born in Lancaster on the 12th of December, 1837. His paternal grandfather, Irwin Walters, was a native of Pennsylvania and married a Miss Weaver. Seeking a home on the frontier they made their way to Fairfield county in the beginning of the nineteenth century, bringing with them three horses. The woods were green about their cabin home and the hard-

ships and privations of pioneer life were to be met and overcome. Game of all kinds was plentiful and it was through the use of his rifle that the family board was supplied with meat for several years. The work of clearing and cultivating the land progressed slowly, but in course of time richly cultivated fields brought good harvests. Samuel Walters, the father of our subject, was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1798, and was about two years of age when his parents came to this county. When a little lad of six summers he was captured by the Indians and held for six days before returned to his parents, during which time he was clothed in an entire new suit of buckskin. Amid the wild scenes of the frontier, in a district on the very borders of civilization he was reared and early became familiar with the arduous task of clearing wild land and preparing it for the plow.



After partially clearing his farm he removed to Lancaster, where he engaged in contracting and building. He erected many of the early structures there and was a very useful citizen. He also engaged in cabinet making in Lancaster and his efforts proved of great value in this frontier region. He married Miss Julia A. Warnell, who was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1804, and came to Lancaster with her parents. By her marriage she became the mother of four sons: Irwin, who was killed in the Civil war; Samuel, who is now a resident of Texas; Neah S. and Henry H. The only daughter of the family was Minerva, the wife of Daniel Rodepouch, of Lancaster. After the death of the father his widow removed to White Cloud, Kansas, where she died in 1882.

Henry H. Walters acquired his early education in the public schools of Lancaster and afterward attended a private school until his seventeenth year, when he learned the trade of house and sign painting and of papering, and throughout his business career he has been connected with these pursuits. He takes contracts for both city and country work and employs a force of men for both branches of the business. His patronage comes from adjoining counties as well as Fairfield and the business has been successfully carried on to the present time. He takes and executes a large number of contracts annually and his labors bring to him a well merited success. Perhaps one feature of his prosperity is the persistency with which he has continued to labor in the field of activity in which as a young trades-

man he embarked. Having thoroughly mastered the business in early manhood, he has ever followed it and to-day is recognized as one of the leaders in this line.

On the 30th of June, 1860, Mr. Walters was united in marriage to Miss Catherine, a daughter of David and Mary A. (Bowers) Groff. She was born in New Holland, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and in 1850 came to Lancaster, Ohio, where her father spent his remaining days. Unto our subject and his wife have been born several children: William, of Lancaster; Brunella, the wife of Leon Miesse, of this city; Mary E., the wife of Abraham Parett, of Circleville, Ohio; and Margaret, the wife of G. Nixon, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Walters is a pronounced Republican, having been a stalwart advocate of the party from the time he attained his majority. In matters of citizenship he is most loyal and in 1861 he responded to the first call for seventy-five thousand men, joining Company A, of the First Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, under command of Colonel Connell. The regiment was ordered to Washington, D. C., and participated in the first battle of Bull Run. On the expiration of his three months' term Mr. Walters returned home and accepted a position with a sutler, in which capacity he served until November, 1863, when he enlisted in the Seventeenth Ohio Regiment and took part in the battle of Resaca, Georgia, where he was severely wounded by being shot through the left hand, permanently disabling him. He was then taken to the hospital, where he remained for nine months, after which he was trans-



ferred to Memphis and later to Camp Dennison, at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was honorably discharged in October, 1864. He is now a member of Ben Butterfield Post, G. A. R., and takes delight in recalling when with his old army comrades the incidents of

the war and his experiences on southern battlefields. Upon his return from the fields of carnage and desolation he resumed the pursuits of civil life and has since maintained an honorable position in industrial circles in his native city.

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### JAMES B. CLAYPOOL.

James B. Claypool, who is engaged in general farming on section 34, Greenfield township, represents one of the most honored as well as one of the oldest pioneer families in this portion of the state. He was born in this township, October 22, 1850, and is the second son of Isaac and Nancy (Mason) Claypool, whose history is given in full on another page of this volume. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Mr. Claypool in his youth. His early education was acquired in the schools of Lancaster and afterward he became a student in Dennison University, at Granville, where he remained in 1869-70. When his education was completed he at once began stock-raising, making a specialty of the breeding of coach and trotting horses. He located on the farm where he now resides and has greatly improved the place. When he took possession of it, it was largely covered with a native growth of forest trees. These he cleared away and with characteristic energy has continued the work of improvement and development until he now

has a very valuable property. In 1877 he erected his present fine residence, which is modern in style of architecture and in all its appointments. His farm comprises one hundred and forty-five acres of good land. He has one of the finest droves of horses in the country, including an imported Oldenburg coach horse, Zelora G., sired by Penny-pack, a very famous horse, having a record of 2:20 $\frac{1}{4}$  at three years old. He also has a horse that is a grandson of George Wilkes, and he makes the circuit with some of his horses, which have made good records upon the track. This is merely a department of his business, for he engages in general farming and other branches of stock-raising, and his well directed efforts are bringing to him a very satisfactory success.

In 1883 Mr. Claypool was married to Miss Lizzie Peters, a daughter of Newton and Lydia (Eversole) Peters. She was born in Greenfield township, pursued her education in the district schools and by her marriage has become the mother of two children: Carl Peters, a very bright boy, who



is pursuing his education in the high school of Lancaster; and Clark Wesley, who is attending the district school. The elder was appointed a page in the senate during the last general assembly. He desired to make his own way through school unaided and is doing so. He will soon graduate at the age of seventeen years and has already passed the county examination under the Boxwell law, which gave him free tuition in the high school.

Mr. Claypool, of this review, exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, which

he has supported since attaining his majority. He is now township trustee and has held other offices, although the township is strongly Democratic. He has never sought official preferment, but his fellow men, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to office. He attends the Presbyterian church, and as a citizen is liberal in support of all measures which he believes will prove of public benefit. His worth is widely acknowledged and he is well known as an honored representative of a prominent pioneer family whose record is praiseworthy and above criticism.

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## ISAAC GROVE.

Isaac Grave, who is filling the position of section foreman on the Cincinnati & Muskingum Railroad, makes his home in Bremen. He is numbered among the native sons of Fairfield county, for his birth occurred in Rush Creek township on the 11th of March, 1845. His father, Oliver Grove, was born in Pennsylvania in 1821 and in his thirteenth year came to Fairfield county, Ohio, with his parents, John and Anna (McWilliams) Grove, who settled in Rush Creek township. After arriving at years of maturity the father of our subject married Miss Martha Blosser, who was born in Fairfield county, a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Coffman) Blosser. By this marriage were born eleven children, seven of

whom are living: Isaac, whose name introduces this review; Caroline, the wife of Oscar Siefert; Nancy, who married John C. Nagney; William; Samuel; John; and Harvey.

In the public schools of his home neighborhood Isaac Grove pursued his education until his sixteenth year and during that time made his residence with his parents on the farm. The Civil war was then in progress and his patriotic spirit was aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the union. Accordingly, although but a boy, he offered his services to the government and became a member of Company B, Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Colonel John N. Connell. The troops were





immediately sent to the front and participated in a number of battles and skirmishes, including the engagements at Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Stone River and others of less importance. Mr. Grove served faithfully for three years and eleven months, and displayed valor and loyalty equal to that of many of the veterans twice or thrice his years. He was always found at his post of duty, which often took him into the thickest of the fight, but never wavered in his support of the starry banner and the cause it represented. When the war was ended he received an honorable discharge on the 23d of July, 1865, and again took up the peaceful pursuits of life.

Returning to this county, Mr. Grove was employed to operate a sawmill used in manufacturing hard lumber. In 1881 he entered the employ of the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad on a section and for the past seventeen years has been foreman of that branch of the service. He has been most capable in the discharge of his duties and has the entire confidence of those whom he rep-

resents. As his financial resources have increased he has made judicious investments in real estate and he is now the owner of valuable city property.

In 1872 occurred the marriage of Isaac Grove and Miss Louisa Hillyard, a daughter of Enoch and Mary (Blosser) Hillyard, of Bremen. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania and her mother of Virginia. They became early settlers of Rush Creek township and were highly regarded as representative citizens of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Grove have no children of their own, but have an adopted son, Roy Grove, who is now ten years old. Mr. Grove was for six years a member of the city council and during his incumbency strongly advocated every measure which he believed would prove of general good. It was during his service that the walks of Bremen were paved. His co-operation is heartily given every measure tending to benefit his fellow men and throughout the community he is known for his honesty and integrity, as well as his loyal citizenship.

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## DAVID PENCE.

David Pence, who is engaged in general farming on section 22, Pleasant township, was born on the 3d. of November, 1822, in Richland township, Fairfield county. His father, David Pence, was a native of Shenandoah, Virginia, born February 4, 1777.

He became a planter of the Old Dominion and was there married to Barbara Ruffner by whom he had two children before the removal of the family to the west. These were: Aaron, who became a carpenter and died in Licking county, Ohio, at the age of





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eighty-three years; and Annie, who married Tunis P. Ashbrook, a farmer of Fairfield county, in which place he died at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Determining to make his home in the Buckeye state, David Pence, Sr., journeyed westward by wagons, bringing with him his household goods and his family. He settled on a quarter section of land in Richland township, which had been given to him and his wife by the latter's father, Emanuel Ruffner. As time passed he prospered and added to his landed possessions until he had very extensive interests here. The family was also increased by the birth of eight children: Eleanor, who married Benjamin Miller and after his death became the wife of George Shoemaker; Mary, the wife of Jacob Stoker, a farmer of Hancock county, Ohio; Joseph, who died at the age of fifty-five years; Rebecca, the wife of David Fail, a farmer of Iowa; Elizabeth, who married Abraham Spetler, an agriculturist of this county; Saphira, the wife of George Miller, a farmer of Jones county, Iowa; David, whose name introduces this review; and Savilla, his twin sister, who is the wife of S. P. Weaver, a farmer of Putnam county, Ohio. After the death of his first wife, the father of this family was married on the 21st of February, 1832, to Catherine Grow, a daughter of John Grow, of Licking county, Ohio, and they had four children: John, a resident physician of Columbus; Henry, a farmer of Walnut township, Fairfield county; Samantha, the wife of David Chism, a farmer of Licking county; and Sarah, who became the wife of John Mays, but both are now deceased. After the fam-

ily resided for a number of years in Richland township, David Pence sold his land there and removed to a farm in Pleasant township, situated two miles south of Pleasantville on the Pleasantville pike, upon which he spent his remaining days, passing away in 1852.

David Pence, the subject of this review, attended the district schools and later continued his education in the Granville College in Licking county, Ohio. He afterward engaged in teaching for a number of years and then embarked in the stock business, buying cattle in the west and driving them to market in Pittsburg, Baltimore and Philadelphia. For fourteen years he followed that enterprise and then began dealing in sheep, which he purchased in Ohio and in the east and sold in the western markets for breeding purposes. After engaging in that business for a number of years Mr. Pence found that he had acquired sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a farm and he then bought two hundred and seventy-five acres of land in Walnut township, Fairfield county. As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life he chose Harriet M. Pugh, the wedding being celebrated on the 26th of July, 1853. They had two children: Anna M. is the wife of Joseph S. Sites, an attorney at law of Lancaster, Ohio; and they are the parents of the following children: David E., Jessie L., Robert, Frederick and Margaret; Henry C. married Anna Chisler, and has four children: Earl, William, Della and Hazel. Mrs. Pence died in 1895.

Mr. Pence remained upon his first farm for only a brief period. When three years



had passed he sold the property and through the succeeding three years resided upon a rented farm in the same township. He then bought his present farm of one hundred and forty-one acres of rich land, which is under a high state of cultivation, being improved with all modern equipments and facilities. At the time of the Civil war he served as sutler's clerk for Reber & Kutz and was with the army of the Tennessee for some time. At the battle of Chickamunga their horses, wagons and stock were stolen. The Thirtieth Ohio Regiment to which they were

attached re-enlisted and Mr. Pence again went to the front, remaining with that command until it reached Atlanta, when he returned to the north. He has since engaged in peacefully tilling the soil and is enjoying the fruits of his former labor. He is a progressive farmer and stock man and is widely and favorably known in his native county. Mr. Pence has always given his support to the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never cared for office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests.

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### JACOB ERNST.

Jacob Ernst is one of the representative and highly respected citizens of Fairfield county, being one of its early settlers, and is now residing in the village of Stoutsville. He was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1830, where he resided until he was seven years of age, when in April, 1838, he accompanied his parents to Ohio. The facilities for traveling in those early pioneer days were very primitive and the family made this journey with teams. They located in Washington township, Pickaway county. The father of our subject, Daniel Ernst, was also a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and was there married to Miss Sarah Mohn. He followed the useful occupation of farming all his life. He died in Washington township, Pickaway

county, in 1843, at the age of thirty-five years. He was an active, enterprising man, and his labors toward the cultivation and improvement of their frontier home were not in vain. The mother was born in 1806, in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and long survived her husband, being called to the home beyond in 1873, in the village of Stoutsville. The father held membership in the Lutheran church, the mother in the Reformed church. In politics he gave his support to the Democratic party. The parents were earnest Christian people, with that sterling worth of character which, when combined with energy and industry, has formed the basis of the thrift and prosperity of our great country. In their family were five children, four of whom are yet living:





John resides near Bluffton, Wells county, Indiana, and like his father before him, is a farmer by occupation. Jacob is the second in order of birth. Mary became the wife of Jesse Brown, of East Ringgold, Ohio, who is a farmer there. She died leaving a family of children. Sarah became the wife of William Upp, a farmer, and they reside in Clear Creek township. Mary M. is the wife of M. Van Buren Lethouse, who resides in Columbus, Ohio, where he is engaged with the Citizens' Telephone Company.

Our subject pursued his early education in the common schools of Washington township, Pickaway county, and remained on the old home place until he reached man's estate, becoming, through the good influence of worthy parents, early imbued with those principles of right conduct, without which success in life cannot be attained. In 1854 Mr. Ernst removed to Fairfield county, and settled in Clear Creek township. He there rented a farm, which he operated for some years. He then purchased a home in the village of Stoutsville, about the year 1856, and removing to his new home has lived there ever since. Here he engaged for eight years in stone cutting. However, in 1864, feeling that the country needed his services, he joined the boys in blue, enlisting in Company I, One Hundred Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was stationed at Baltimore, Maryland, where he served one hundred days and was mustered out at Zanesville, Ohio, having been honorably discharged by the government. He had gladly rendered his services to the cause of the Union, and when they were no

longer required he returned to Stoutsville, where he resumed his old business, as well as that of a thresher and so continued for twenty-five years. He is at present engaged in farming near Stoutsville.

In the year 1853 Mr. Ernst had been united in marriage to Miss Catherine Stout, a daughter of Jonathan Stout, of Clear Creek township, who was born in 1800. He engaged in agricultural pursuits and run a sawmill, and was a prominent and enterprising business man of his day, doing much to promote the future welfare of the county in which he lived. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ernst were born two children: Amanda is the wife of Lewis F. Crites, a merchant of Stoutsville. They had two children: Florence, who died at the age of five years, and Ernst. Noah A. resides in Canton, Ohio, and is a lawyer, practicing at that place. He married Clara Levan. They had three children, two of whom are living: Delmar E., a law student and teacher in the schools of Clear Creek township; Alverta, who died at the age of twelve years; and William A., who resides at home and is a school teacher.

From pioneer times up to the present progressive age, Mr. Ernst has been an active factor in the improvement and development of the county in which he has lived. He has ever been an earnest advocate of anything tending to the general upbuilding and improvement of his community. He was school director for some twelve years and helped build the school houses of Clear Creek township. He erected the second dwelling house in the village of Stoutsville. Mr. Ernst is what may well be termed a self-



made man, having started in life without capital, he has attained to a position of prominence and importance, and while through his industry, energy and untiring devotion to business enterprises he has achieved financial success, he has not failed to advance the interests of his community in every way possible. He is highly esteemed by all who

know him. In politics he is a Democrat. He has held the office of township trustee and other local offices, and in times of peace as in war he has ever been faithful to duty. He is a devoted member of the Heidelberg congregation of the Reformed church of the United States at Stontsville and is holding the office of elder.

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### JASPER J. BARNETT.

Jasper J. Barnett, who is living a retired life, has in former years been actively associated with agricultural and mercantile interests in Fairfield county, and was also numbered among the soldiers that Ohio sent to the front at the time of the Civil war. He was born in Madison township, Perry county, Ohio, April 28, 1833, and is a son of Solomon and Nancy (Upton) Barnett. The father was born in Washington county, Maryland, and the mother was also a native of that locality. After arriving at years of maturity they were married and soon afterward came to Ohio, settling on a farm in Perry county, where they were numbered among the prosperous agriculturists of the community. In 1844 they removed to Clear Creek township, Fairfield county, where the father spent his remaining days, passing away there in 1875. His wife survived him and afterward removed to the village of Amanda, taking up her residence with our subject, where she died in 1884.

In the family were eight children. The following reached years of maturity: Jemima, Margaret, Jasper J., Jane, Robert and Lewis. In his political affiliations the father was a Democrat and both he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Jasper J. Barnett spent the first twelve years of his life on the home farm in Perry county and during that period attended the district schools, while later he continued his education in the public schools of Drinkle and in Kingston Academy, of Kingston, Ohio. He then began teaching in the public schools and followed that profession for fourteen years, proving his capability as an educator by the clear and ready manner in which he imparted to others the knowledge he had acquired and by the way in which he maintained discipline. On abandoning that profession, he turned his attention to farming. In May, 1864, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under the command of



Captain E. Griffith. Soon afterward Mr. Barnett was commissioned first lieutenant and was ordered to Baltimore, Maryland, where he did garrison duty for one hundred days, at the expiration of which period he received an honorable discharge in September, 1864.

Returning to Fairfield county, Mr. Barnett engaged in farming and stock raising and also devoted his attention to school teaching for two years. In 1867 he purchased his father's old homestead, thus becoming the owner of two hundred acres of land, to the further development and cultivation of which he devoted his energies with untiring activity until 1882. His labors made his place one of the desirable farms of the county, his enterprise and capable management being manifest in the neat and thrifty appearance of the farm. At length he put aside business cares and in 1882 removed to the village of Amanda, where he established a harness store, but later he disposed of that enterprise and is now living retired.

It was in the year 1865 that Mr. Barnett was united in marriage to Miss Mary

Bussard, of Fairfield county, a daughter of Daniel and Rhoda (Seidener) Bussard. Her grandparents were pioneers of Maryland, having settled there in colonial days. The parents of Mrs. Barnett were both natives of Maryland and from that state removed to Fairfield county, Ohio, the Bussards being very early settlers of this portion of the state. Mrs. Barnett was born in Fairfield county, November 5, 1839, and by her marriage became the mother of two children, but Cora E. died in her twelfth year. The surviving daughter is Jennie A.

Mr. Barnett is a staunch advocate of Republican principles, having supported the party since attaining his majority. He also belongs to Tarlton Lodge, No. 218, I. O. O. F., and was once a member of McPherson Post, G. A. R. Since 1849 he has been an acceptable member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has always been loyal to its teachings and active in its work, doing everything in his power to extend the influence and promote the growth of the church. Mrs. Barnett is also an active member of the same church, with which she united in girlhood days.

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### JAMES C. MOCK.

Fairfield county is fortunate in that her offices are largely filled by men of ability, trustworthiness and marked devotion to duty. Among the number now connected

with the public service is James C. Mock, who is filling the office of recorder and makes his home in Lancaster. He was born in that city on the 23d of May, 1865, his



parents being Martin and Mary (Harmon) Mock. His father was born in Berne township, Fairfield county, July 7, 1833, and his wife was also a native of this county, where she spent her entire life, passing away in 1877. David Mock, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania and married Miss M. Ruble, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

At the usual age James C. Mock entered the public schools of the county, there pursuing his education for several years. He afterward spent one term in the high school at Carroll, Ohio, and then began teaching, which profession he followed acceptably for six years. On the expiration of that period

he became identified with agricultural interests and for a number of years was employed as a salesman in different stores, but now he is giving his entire attention to his official duties. He had previously served as assessor and as township clerk, and in November, 1899, he was elected county recorder upon the Democratic ticket, entering upon the duties of the office in September, 1900, for a term of three years. He has proved himself an efficient officer, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity, and his course is one meriting the praise and commendation of all fair-minded citizens, by whom he is held in high esteem as a capable and worthy citizen.

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## HENRY CLAY WEAVER.

Henry Clay Weaver, who is identified with the farming interests of Fairfield county, Ohio, and with the shoe manufacturing business of Rochester, New York, makes his home in Lancaster, although he spends considerable time in the east. He was born in this county and is a representative of one of the oldest and most honored families. His paternal grandfather, Adam Weaver, removed from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to the village of Lancaster, Ohio, in the beginning of the nineteenth century, and was first connected with business interests here as a salesman in the store of Rudolph Pitcher. In the year 1810 he was elected

justice of the peace of Hocking township and was so fair and impartial in his rulings that he was continued in the office for eighteen years. In 1812 he was serving as a lieutenant in Captain Sumner's Company of Artillery and when the second war with England was begun this company reported to the governor at Franklinton for service, but owing to the fact that Adam Weaver was then sheriff of Fairfield county the governor excused him from active field service and Sosthenes McCabe was elected lieutenant in his place. In the year 1826 Mr. Weaver was elected county treasurer and filled that office for four years. He was





almost continuously in office in the county through a very extended period and was recognized as a leader in public thought and action at an early day, his opinions largely shaping the public policy during the early years of the century. He was a very active, vigorous man and was one of the posse of men under Thomas Ewing who went to arrest the counterfeiters in 1818. He died in the year 1841.

Among his children was George Weaver, once the editor of the Lancaster Gazette; Mrs. Philip Bope; and John C. Weaver. The last named was the father of our subject. He became a very active factor in business circles as a merchant and banker of Lancaster. He was born in this city in 1816 and watched its progress and advancement through many years. His business interests aided in promoting its commercial and financial activity and also brought to him a handsome return on his investment. He was united in marriage to Nancy Archer,

a native of Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, and a daughter of a Revolutionary soldier. The mother of our subject died at Clifton Springs, New York, in 1880, and the father passed away in 1877. Two children survive them: Henry C., of this review, and Mary Archer, the wife of C. R. Richards, a shoe manufacturer of Rochester, New York, with whom Mr. Weaver is engaged in business.

Henry Clay Weaver pursued his education in the public schools of Lancaster, completing the high school course. He is now largely interested in real estate in Fairfield county, being the owner of two or three good farms, yet he spends a large portion of his time in Rochester, New York, superintending his manufacturing interests in that city. He is a very progressive and enterprising business man, who forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution. Such men are the bone and sinew of any community.

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## JACOB CROUSE.

Jacob Crouse, a resident farmer, living on section 32, Pleasant township, was born in Walnut township, Fairfield county, Ohio, on the 24th of September, 1849. His father, Levi Crouse, was born in Maryland in 1813 and was a son of John Crouse, a planter, who brought his family from the south to Ohio in 1818, taking up his abode

in Walnut township, Fairfield county, upon a farm which he developed and improved in the midst of the forest. Levi Crouse was only five years of age at the time of the removal. He assisted in the work of the home farm and was married to Catherine Bibler, by whom he had four children: Lavina, who became the wife of Reuben Sands,



a farmer, but both are now deceased; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Thomas Avery, a resident of Newark, Ohio; Peter, a farmer of Van Wert county, Ohio; and Jacob, of this review.

Upon the old family homestead Jacob Crouse was reared and in the winter months he pursued his education in the common schools, while in the summer months he assisted in the work of the fields. On the 13th of June, 1871, he married Teresa Wilhelm. Her father, Samuel Wilhelm, was born in Berkeley county, West Virginia, and was a son of John Wilhelm, who was born in Pennsylvania and was descended from an old Pennsylvanian family. He became the overseer of a plantation in the Old Dominion and there carried on agricultural pursuits for many years. His son, Samuel Wilhelm, was in a boat on the Ohio river on the night of the memorable meteoric shower in the year 1833. Locating first in Cincinnati, he remained there for several months and then came to Lancaster in March, 1834. Here he engaged in the manufacture of furniture, making a specialty of chairs and bedsteads. For eighteen years he successfully carried on that business on Broadway and with the profits of the enterprise he eventually purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Pleasant township, where our subject and his wife now reside. In 1852 he abandoned industrial and commercial pursuits, removing to his farm. On the 20th of June, 1834, Mr. Wilhelm was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Arnold. Her father was born on a plantation near Hagerstown, Maryland, and her

grandfather, George Arnold, became one of the pioneer settlers of Ohio, emigrating to this state in 1801. Here he located a tract of land in what is now Pleasant township, Fairfield county, where the county infirmary is located. This he bought of the government. He erected the first gristmill in the county on Fetter's Run, in Pleasant township, which was of great benefit to the settlers, as prior to this they had to go to Zanesville and Chillicothe for their meal and flour. While on a prospecting tour he and the party with which he traveled were attacked by the Indians and he was wounded in the fight. After locating his land he returned to Maryland and brought his family to the new home. Among the number were his son Frederick and his wife and their four children—Joel; Daniel; Sarah, who married Nathan Bright; and Susan, who married Samuel Shaffer. After their arrival nine more children were born to him, of whom two died in infancy, while Maria and Frederick K. died unmarried; Rachel became the wife of Samuel Wilhelm, the father of Mrs. Crouse; Lehr married David Bright; Absalom; Israel; and George. The mother of this family bore the maiden name of Barbara Petrie. Her father, when a young lad, came from Holland to America, landing at Baltimore, and was sold out to service in order to pay the price of his passage, as was the custom in those days. He learned the business of manufacturing powder and afterward became a wealthy merchant of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Unto Samuel and Rachel (Arnold) Wilhelm were born six children, four sons and



two daughters: Mary, who died unmarried; Diana, who married David Ewing, a farmer of Pleasant township, and died May 1, 1900; James, who is now engaged in the real estate business in Columbus, Ohio; Martin L., a Lutheran minister of Wooster, Ohio; Teresa N., the wife of our subject; and Margaret B., the wife of William A. Wright, a retired farmer now living at Magnolia Springs, Union county, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Crouse reside upon

her father's farm and he is numbered among the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of the community. Their home has been blessed with two children, but one of the number died in infancy, the daughter Abigail, however, being still under the parental roof. The parents hold membership in the Lutheran church and give their financial and moral support to many worthy objects for the betterment of the community and the world at large.

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## THEODORE LAPE.

Among the enterprising and progressive citizens of Amanda is Theodore Lape, a dealer in furniture and house furnishing goods, and his business qualifications are such as to have won for him prosperity and gained for him the confidence and respect of the entire community. He was born in Amanda township, Fairfield county, November 3, 1856. His father, Maxsil Lape, was also born in the same township, his natal day being February 22, 1819. His parents were pioneer settlers of Ohio, who removed from Pennsylvania to Fairfield county about 1810 and in the midst of the forest cleared and developed a farm, upon which they reared their children. Maxsil became one of the early agriculturists of Amanda township and through the years of his business career was engaged in the tilling of the soil, his labors being rewarded by

abundant harvests. He was also one of the most active workers and liberal contributors of the Lutheran church, in which he long held membership. In the early days meetings were often held in his home and he did all in his power to spread the work of the gospel. Twice married he chose for his first wife Miss Caroline Fausnacht and unto them were born six children: Belle, now deceased; Simon; Monroe; David; Theodore; and Benjamin. After the death of his first wife Mr. Lape was again married, his second union being with Catherine Bailey, of Fairfield county, by whom he had three children: Edward E., Wilson C. and Verna E., but the first and last named have passed away.

In taking up the personal history of Theodore Lape we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favor-



ably known in Fairfield county. His early mental training was received in the public schools of Amanda township and later he continued his education in Clear Creek township. He remained upon the home farm until twenty-one years of age and upon starting on life's journey for himself he chose as a companion and helpmate, Miss Ella Kesler, their wedding being celebrated in 1882. The lady was born in Amanda township and was a daughter of Peter and Mary (Barr) Kesler. The young couple began their domestic life upon a farm in Clear Creek township and in addition to the cultivation of the fields Mr. Lape engaged in stock raising, following both branches of the business until 1886, when he removed to Amanda and established his present store here. He carries a large and well selected stock of furniture, carpets, curtains, wall paper, stoves and queensware, in fact everything that is needed in fitting up a home. He has the latest style of goods, which he

sells at reasonable prices, and his patronage is already extensive and is constantly growing. His store room is twenty-two by one hundred and twenty-seven feet and every foot of space is utilized in accommodating his goods. He also owns an excellent farm of fifty-five acres, which is under a high state of cultivation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lape have no children of their own, but adopted a little daughter, Mary Helen, and when she died at the age of five years, her loss was very greatly felt, for they had become very much attached to her. They both hold membership in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church of Amanda and are generous in their contributions for its support and are zealous in its work. Mr. Lape is also a member of Center Star Lodge, No. 489, K. P. He is deeply interested in all that pertains to the welfare of his community and as a public-spirited citizen does everything in his power to promote public progress and improvement.

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### REV. GEORGE W. MECHLING, D. D.

Rev. George W. Mechling is the pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church of Lancaster, Ohio. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Westmoreland county in July, 1836. His father, Rev. Jonas Mechling, was also a native of Pennsylvania and was reared and educated in Westmoreland county. The ancestry of the family can be traced back to Theobald Mechling, a native of Bavaria,

who sailed from the fatherland to America in 1727. He landed in Germantown, Pennsylvania, and his family was living near Valley Forge throughout the struggle for independence. During the campaign of Washington his widow resided at Zionsville, Pennsylvania, where she spent the remainder of her life. Daniel Mechling, the great-grandfather of our subject, was identi-





fied with many business interests. He was engaged in the banking business, was a dealer in lumber, and also followed agricultural pursuits. Philip Mechling, the grandfather, was a native of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, and in later years removed to Westmoreland county. He married Catherine Coder, a representative of an old colonial family of the Keystone state.

Rev. Jonas Mechling, the father of the well known pastor of St. Peter's church, also devoted the best years of his life to the ministry, as a minister of the Evangelical Lutheran church. He married Miss Florinda Gressinger, a daughter of Andrew Gressinger, who served with the rank of major in the military organization of Pennsylvania. His wife was a Miss McLaughlin, and her ancestors came from Scotland, belonging to one of the old colonial families. Theobald Mechling bought land from William and Thomas Penn, which property descended from one generation of the family to another, and as the years passed its value gradually increased. It lay near the corporate limits of Philadelphia and was finally sold in 1896. The family was prominent and active in public affairs in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and Theobald Mechling was one of the founders of the Lutheran church in Zionsville, that county.

Rev. George W. Mechling, whose name introduces this record, spent his early boyhood and a part of his school days in Greensburg, Pennsylvania and afterward resided in Westmoreland county, where he continued his studies. A high school course prepared him for college and he then came to Ohio, entering the Capital University at Co-

lumbus, where he prosecuted his studies for five years. On the expiration of that period he began active preparations for the ministry as a student in the Lutheran Theological Seminary, in which he was graduated in 1859. Soon afterward he was ordained by the Lutheran synod of Ohio and entered the ministry, his first charge being in the vicinity of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, there remaining until 1865. In that year he came to Lancaster, Ohio, and accepted the pastorate of St. Peter's Lutheran church, in which he has served continuously since, covering a period of thirty-seven years. When he assumed charge here the congregation was small and somewhat scattered, but it now numbers about one thousand communicants. Under his leadership rapid and substantial growth has been made and the fine church edifice was erected in 1883. The church in point of artistic design is one of the most attractive in this part of the state. The decorations are of a superior character, modeled by the best and most skilled artists and sculptors. Many of the specimens were made in Munich, Germany, copied from the works of Thorwaldsen. They are among the finest of the state and the congregation has every reason to be proud of this fine house of worship. The work of the church is well organized in its various departments and its influence is being continually extended throughout the various avenues of religious training.

Dr. Mechling has been ably assisted in all his work by his estimable wife. In 1860 he was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Trimble, of Columbus, a native of Fairfield county and a daughter of James Trimble,



formerly of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. This union has been blessed with five children: Cyrus L., a prominent clothier of Lancaster; Susan, the wife of John A. Mayer, a shoe merchant; Herbert T., city clerk of Lancaster; Alice Matlack, an accomplished musician; and Elizabeth, wife of J. R. Bolenbaugh, of Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Mechling is one of the trustees of the Chicago Theological Seminary and was for many years president of the District Synod of Ohio. For a considerable period he served as recording secretary of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran church of North America, and in 1898 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Wittenburg College, of Springfield, Ohio. He is widely recognized as one

of the most eminent divines of his denomination. In the pulpit he is logical, earnest and convincing, a fact which is indicated by the large membership of his church. At this point it would be almost tautological to enter into a series of statements as showing our subject to be a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. Strong in his individuality, he never lacks the courage of his convictions, but there are dominating elements in his individuality a lively human sympathy and an abiding charity, which as taken in connection with the sterling integrity and honor of his character, having naturally gained for Dr. Mechling the respect and confidence of men.

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## JOHN H. THIMMES.

Faithfulness to duty and strict adherence to a fixed purpose in life will do more to advance a man's interests than wealth or advantageous circumstances. The successful men of the day are they who have planned their own advancement and have accomplished it in spite of many obstacles and with a certainty that could have been attained only through their own efforts. This class of men has a worthy representative in John H. Thimmes, who as a member of the firm of Thimmes Brothers, is engaged in the wholesale and retail shipping and pork pack-

ing business. They are also proprietors of two meat markets in the city of Lancaster and the business has assumed extensive proportions, calling forth keen discrimination, capable management and untiring industry in its conduct.

John H. Thimmes was born in the city of Lancaster, November 1, 1853. His father, Mathias Thimmes, was a native of Baden, Germany, where his birth occurred on the 24th of April, 1831. He was in his eleventh year when, in April, 1842, he was brought to the United States by his par-



ents, Nicholas and Catherine (Snider) Thimmes, who on crossing the Atlantic to the new world took up their abode on a farm in Fairfield county, Ohio, where they resided until called to their final rest. Mathias Thimmes, the father of our subject, was reared upon the home farm and on leaving the parental roof learned the butcher's trade in Lancaster. He afterward opened a meat market in this city and in connection with its management began dealing in live stock, hogs and cattle. He carried on his own butchering and often bought and sold for parties in the east. His business reached quite extensive proportions, becoming one of the leading commercial interests of this city. In August, 1851, in Lancaster, Mathias Thimmes was united in marriage to Louise Oatney, of this city. She was born in Fairfield county in February, 1832, a daughter of Benedict and Christina (Houserine) Oatney. She is the only surviving member of his father's family, with the exception of Mrs. Emma T. Sheffer, of Fairfield county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thimmes were born fourteen children: John H., of this review; Benedict, who died August 3, 1858; Christ C., born May 6, 1857; Charles N., born August 4, 1858; Louisa, born March 3, 1866, and now the wife of J. P. Miller, a merchant of Columbus; William E., a butcher, who was born March 22, 1862; Frank D., born December 14, 1863; Mary E., born October 18, 1865; Sarah E., born February 12, 1867, and now deceased; Maggie L., who was born January 19, 1869, and is the wife of Ed. Brown, a merchant tailor of Indianapolis, Indiana; George Mathias, who was born November

17, 1871, and is engaged in the butchering business; Emma G., born December 12, 1873, and now the wife of Henry McLeod, of Danville, Illinois; Clara Philomina, born March 8, 1876; and Joseph F., born June 27, 1877. The father of this family died in September, 1893, but the mother is still living. He was a Democrat in his political views and was a devout member of St. Mary's Catholic church, to which Mrs. Thimmes and all her children and grandchildren also belong.

John H. Thimmes, whose name begins this sketch, was educated in the parochial schools of Lancaster, and at the age of twelve years began to assist his father in the meat market, which had been established in 1848, and was conducted by his father until 1877. Our subject continued to assist in the conduct of that enterprise as an employe until his twenty-first year, when he entered into partnership with his father, the connection being continued for four years. On the expiration of that period our subject purchased his father's interest in the market, continuing business alone for three years, when he entered into partnership relations with his two brothers, Christian and Charles W., under the firm name of Thimmes Brothers. They are now carrying on an extensive butchering business and have a large building, which was erected for packing, smoking and curing of meats. There is also a cold storage in connection and the members of the firm are extensive buyers and shippers of hogs and cattle. They also feed large numbers and handle annually about thirty thousand hogs and a large number of export cattle, which they buy and



ship to Baltimore, Maryland, their principal hog markets being Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and Chicago, Illinois. The business has now assumed extensive proportions and annually brings to the partners a handsome financial return on their investments.

John H. Thimmes, of this review, has been married three times. He first wedded Mary Bodenheimer, of Fairfield county, by whom he had seven children, namely: Loretta, Leah, Silas, Annie, John, Mary and Rachel. There were no children by the second marriage. For his third wife Mr. Thimmes chosen Helen Winters, the widow of Mr. Breslin. Our subject, his wife and children are all members of St. Mary's Catholic church. They have a very fine resi-

dence, modern in all its appointments and supplied with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries which go to make life worthy the living. In addition to his city property Mr. Thimmes owns a fine farm of four hundred acres, where he raises cattle and hogs and where the fields are under a high state of cultivation. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, and to-day he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his county. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of the northwest, and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and co-operation to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its wonderful development.

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### JOHN B. WOLFORD.

For two-thirds of a century John B. Wolford has been a witness of the growth and prosperity of Fairfield county. Many changes have occurred in that time, for the labors of the citizens have wrought great transformation, reclaiming the wild land for the purposes of civilization, replacing the log cabins by large and substantial residences; towns and villages have sprung up, industries and manufactories have been introduced, and on every side are seen the evidences of civilized progress and improvement known to the older sections of the country. Mr. Wolford has taken a deep interest in all this work and has contributed

his share to the county's development. He now resides in Hocking township upon the Beck road.

He was born one mile west of this place, on the 9th of September, 1835. His paternal grandfather spent his entire life in West Virginia, there dying at the advanced age of ninety-one years. The family is of German descent and many of the sterling characteristics of that race have descended to our subject. The parents of John B. Wolford were Adam and Jane (Slane) Wolford. The father was born in Hampshire county, West Virginia, and after arriving at years of maturity wedded Jane





Slane, whose birth occurred in the same locality about 1825. When he was twenty-five years of age he left his old home and emigrated westward, taking up his abode in what is now Hocking township, Fairfield county, Ohio. Here he purchased a tract of land, developed a farm and also erected a sawmill on Hunter's Run, that stream crossing his land. His place comprised forty-one acres and upon it he made substantial improvements, developing an excellent home for himself and family. There he continued to reside for forty years, being engaged in farming and the manufacture of lumber. He was also a carpenter by trade and followed that pursuit to some extent, so that he was an active factor in the industrial interests of the community. At the age of sixty-seven, however, he sold his mill and removed to Van Wert county, Ohio, where he owned property. He spent some years there and then returned to the old homestead in West Virginia, making it his place of residence until eighty-one years of age, when he was called to his final rest. He voted with the Democracy, and his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. His wife had passed away fifteen years before the death of her husband, dying on the home farm in Hocking township when sixty-seven years of age. She, too, was a member of the Lutheran church and her Christian example has had a marked influence upon the lives of her children. Eight children were born unto her, but only two of the number are now living. Norman, who was a carpenter by trade, died in Van Wert county, Ohio, at the age of thirty-two years. James, who

carried on carpentering and farming in Hocking township, passed away at the age of thirty-two years. Margaret died in Columbus at the age of fifty-one. Susan died in Hocking township at the age of twenty-one. Mary Ann died in infancy. Sarah Jane also died in infancy. Elizabeth is the widow of G. A. Finefrock, who was a shoemaker of Columbus, Ohio. John B. completes the family.

Mr. Wolford, whose name introduces this record, acquired his early education in the common schools and through his youth assisted his father upon the home farm and in the operation of the sawmill, remaining under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Thinking, however, to follow some other work than that of the fields, he then went to Lancaster, where he learned the carriagemaker's trade, which he followed many years, and in connection with this he engaged in the manufacture of hominy, having a mill at his home place. In the latter enterprise he has continued for a period of forty-one years, and he invented a mill and holds a patent thereon. In business affairs he is noble, reliable, prompt and energetic, and his strong determination enables him to overcome all obstacles, thus working his way upward to success.

On the 2d of March, 1862, Mr. Wolford was married in Lancaster, Ohio, to Miss Caroline Groves, a daughter of Andrew Groves, formerly a resident of Pleasant township. Her father was a very prominent and influential citizen of Fairfield county, his birth occurring here, and during the years of his business activity he was known as a prosperous and progressive farmer.



Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wolford were born eight children, five of whom are living: Luther died at the age of seven months. William, who is a teacher in the district schools, makes his home with his parents. He has taken quite a prominent part in local politics and has served as township assessor and at present is clerk of the township. Alice is the wife of Elliott Pence, a merchant of Indiana, by whom she has one son, Wolford. Thomas is a resident farmer of Hocking township, living near Amanda, who married Edith Kerns and had two children, Mabel, who died at the age of eight months, and Donald. Lizzie is the wife of Clyde Coffman, who is a mail carrier on the rural route. Charles died at the age of three years. Susan died when only a month old. Edward is an employe of the Hocking Valley Works at Lancaster. All of the children were born in Hocking township

and were provided with the educational privileges to fit them for the practical and responsible duties of life in this hustling and bustling age.

Mr. Wolford has seen much of Fairfield county cleared of the timber, and the greater part of its improvements made. He has done his full share in working to upbuild the same and is known as a representative man of his community. He has held the office of township treasurer for nine years, discharging his duties most promptly and capably. He votes with the Democracy and is a member of the Lutheran church. In business he has achieved success through honorable effort, untiring industry and capable management and in private life he has gained that warm personal regard which arises from true nobility of character, deference for the opinions of others, kindness, and geniality.

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## JOHN C. HARTMANN.

John Christopher Hartmann, a retired carpenter and builder, of Lancaster, Ohio, was born in the kingdom of Hanover, Germany, May 31, 1834. His parents were William and Wilhelmina (Harding) Hartmann, who were also natives of the same locality and there resided upon a farm until July, 1847, when they crossed the broad Atlantic to the new world, landing at Quebec, Canada. From that city they made their

way to Buffalo, New York, thence by boat to Cleveland, Ohio, and up the canal to Lancaster, Captain Reel being in command of the packet in which they completed their journey. They landed at Kinney's warehouse at the end of Maine street. The family consisted of father, mother and ten children—eight sons and two daughters. In the following spring the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Berne





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township and with his family took up his abode thereon, devoting his energies to farming and stock raising. With the family came two young men by the name of John Rosemeyer and William Bush and an adopted daughter, Saphronia Burgess, who is now the wife of Valentine Myers. In the party were also Henry Senna, his wife and a son, who settled in Lancaster. William Hartmann, the father of our subject, continued to reside upon the farm for a number of years, becoming one of the successful agriculturists of the community. In 1857 his wife died and in 1862 he sold his farm and removed to Fort Wayne, Indiana. Two years later he returned on a visit to Lancaster, and while here was taken ill and died in October of the same year. Of their ten children, five brothers and two sisters are yet living, namely: Henry, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; John C., of this review; Charles, a farmer; August; John; Wilhelmina; and Sophia. Those who have passed away are William Conrad and Frederick.

In accordance with the laws of his native land Mr. Hartmann attended school between the ages of six and fourteen years. He accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world and remained upon his father's farm in Fairfield county until eighteen years of age, when he began earning his own living by working as a farm hand for James McKinley. After a year had passed he commenced learning the cabinet maker's trade in the shop of Charles Wagenhals, of Lancaster, but this work proved too confining and he turned his attention to carpentering, which would allow him to be out in the open air to a greater extent. For

many years he was associated with the work of contracting and building, although at times he was identified with agricultural interests.

After his marriage Mr. Hartmann removed to the old homestead, which had belonged to his father, in Berne township, and there engaged in tilling the soil until 1861, when he removed to the farm belonging to his mother-in-law in Hocking township. In 1863 he went to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he built a large banked barn for his brother. When this work was completed—and the barn was one of the finest in the entire country—he entered the employ of the Pittsburg & Fort Wayne Railroad, with which he remained until October, when he returned to Lancaster and entered the employ of the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad in the carpenter department of the car shops, where he continued until 1866, and the following year he began contracting and building on his own account and also acted as manager in the erecting of buildings for other parties. He had at times from twelve to twenty-five men under his direction, and many of the substantial structures of this city and the surrounding country stand as monuments to his thrift, skill and enterprise. In 1873 he was elected policeman under Mayor Saul Schlow, under whom he served for two years, while for one year he continued under Mayor Bendeum. He afterward turned his attention to farming, owning a valuable tract of sixty acres just outside the corporate limits of Lancaster, and to its development and improvement he gave his attention in connection with contracting and building.





Mr. Hartmann has always been a staunch advocate of good roads and his efforts in this direction have been of great value and benefit to the county. He brought the subject up before the board of county commissioners and impressed upon them the importance of having a good road or pike leading from Lancaster to the State Farm, a distance of six miles. This suggestion was adopted by the county commissioners and work was begun upon the pike and Mr. Hartmann was made its superintendent and not only directed the labors of the men thus engaged but also took an active part in the building of the pike and is still serving as its superintendent. The city of Lancaster and Fairfield county appropriated the funds necessary for the construction of four miles of this pike, while the state was to appropriate the means for the construction of the remaining two miles. The building of this road has been of great practical benefit to the citizens of this portion of the state and Mr. Hartmann deserves great credit for what he accomplished. In 1863, on his return from the west, Mr. Hartmann joined the volunteer fire department, becoming a member of the "Old Reliance," a hand engine company. Later, when the city pur-

chased a steamer, Mr. Hartmann became its first foreman.

In 1858 was celebrated the marriage of our subject and Miss Caroline Boden, of Lancaster, a daughter of Charles and Francis Boden. They became the parents of three children: Charles E.; Sophia, the wife of E. Wagenhals; and Theodore. The mother died in 1892 and Mr. Hartmann was again married, his second union being with Amelia, a daughter of Emanuel Wagenhals. This marriage has been blessed with one son, Walter Charles, who is now six years of age. The family have a pleasant home at No. 1270 South Broad street. Mr. Hartmann is a Democrat in his political affiliations, endorsing the principles of the party as set forth by Andrew Jackson, and religiously is a member of the German Lutheran church. This church was established in 1847 and Mr. Hartmann's father took an active part in its organization. The church on Chestnut street was erected by the members, the work being done free of charge, while Mr. Hartmann was the one who circulated the paper asking for assistance. He lived to see it completed, and when his spirit had left its earthly tenement the funeral sermon was preached from its altar.

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### MRS. NANCY McCLEERY.

Mrs. Nancy McCleery has for many years resided in Greenfield township, her home being on section 27, and throughout Fairfield county she has a large circle of

friends. She was born near Hebron, in Licking county, Ohio, July 2, 1821. Her father, Martin Beaver, was a native of Virginia, and was a son of Abram Beaver,



who was born in Virginia and devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. He died in 1824 at the age of sixty-six years, while his wife, Barbara Beaver, passed away in 1823, at the age of fifty-six years. When a young man Martin Beaver came to Ohio, settling in Licking county. He married Elizabeth Rhoads, who was also born in the Old Dominion and they took up their abode on a farm. The father was a minister of the Baptist church and for several years engaged in preaching in Licking and adjoining counties; his high moral worth, his kindly manner and other estimable qualities, endearing him to all who knew him. He died in his seventy-fifth year, but his memory is still enshrined in the hearts of many. His wife was a daughter of John and Catherine Rhoads, also natives of Virginia. Her father died in 1825 and her mother in 1835.

Unto the parents of Mrs. McCleery were born thirteen children, ten of whom reached adult age. She was the fourth child and second daughter and was reared in Licking county, early becoming familiar with the duties of the household and pursuing her education in the common schools. In 1845 she became the wife of William McCleery, who was born in Pennsylvania, April 8, 1804, and when eleven years of age came to Ohio with his parents, who located upon the farm which is now the home of Mrs. McCleery. The son was there reared and the educational advantages offered in the schools of Greenfield township were enjoyed by him. He first married Priscilla McCall and unto them were born four children, but only one is now living: Sarah, the wife of George W. Beck, of Hocking township,

Fairfield county. The deceased are Maria, who married Reason De Balt; Elizabeth, who married Michael Fineflock; Samuel R., who was twice married, first to Sarah Kemmer and second to Laura Patterson. He served four years in the Civil war as a member of the Eleventh Ohio Cavalry, which was in the mountains of the west, fighting the Indians then engaged in their work of massacre and devastation.

After the death of his first wife, Mr. McCleery wedded Nancy Beaver, and they became the parents of ten children, of whom three daughters and two sons are yet living, namely: William, who married Martha Leonard, and makes his home in Liberty township; Martin, who married Josie Baichley, and resides in Pleasantville; Priscilla, the wife of G. W. Nye, who is living in the state of Washington; and Melissa and Emma, who are at home. Those deceased are: three who died in infancy; Clara, who became Mrs. Pressley Compton and died March 15, 1874, leaving one child, Ida Stella, who married R. J. Peters in 1898, and they have one son, Ralph; Mary Alice, the youngest of the family, who married Albert F. Turner, of Bremen, and died November 20, 1888.

Mr. McCleery served as assessor of his township and also filled the office of treasurer. He was a well known and prominent member of the Presbyterian church, took an active interest in its work and served as a teacher and superintendent of the Sunday-school of the Greenfield Presbyterian church. He liberally assisted in erecting the house of worship in that place and did all in his power to advance the welfare and ex-



tend the influence of the church. In politics he was a staunch Republican and neither fear nor favor could swerve him from a course which he believed to be right. He died August 11, 1873, respected and honored by all who knew him. His widow still

survives him and is well known in Greenfield township, where she has so long resided. The circle of her friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of her acquaintances and well does she deserve mention in the history of her adopted county.

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### JOSEPH SHERBURNE.

When a little lad of six summers Joseph Sherburne was brought to Fairfield county. More than three-quarters of a century have since passed and wonderful have been the changes which have occurred. No century in the world's history has witnessed such marvelous development along the line of commendable progress as has the nineteenth, and Joseph Sherburne ever took a keen interest in the fact that his adopted county has kept in touch with the universal advancement. His life was devoted to agricultural pursuits on the farm where he made his home up to the time of his death, in Rush Creek township. His birth occurred in York, Pennsylvania, October 26, 1818. His father, Henry Sherburne, was born in the Keystone state and with his family came to Ohio, settling in Fairfield county. In Pennsylvania he had married Miss Mary Siferd, of that state, and they became the parents of five children: Henry; Emanuel, who was killed in the Civil war; Harriet; Eliza; and Joseph, of this review. The father devoted his energies to agricult-

ural pursuits until his life's labors were ended in death. He passed away in Berne township about two miles from the present home of our subject. He was a member of the Lutheran church.

During the days of his boyhood Joseph Sherburne looked upon the log cabin homes which were a feature of the landscape of Fairfield county and experienced the trials as well as the pleasures of frontier life. He pursued his education in a log school house, but his advantages in that direction were not of a character to compare with those afforded by the common-school system of the present time. When only about eight or nine years of age he went to work upon his father's farm and to him gave the benefit of his services until about the time when he attained his majority, when he began farming on his own account, renting land of his father. After his marriage he purchased eighty acres of land. Later he sold that property and became the owner of a farm close to the one upon which his widow now resides. Again he purchased another



farm and in all he had at the time of his death, four hundred and twenty-five acres of valuable land, comprising one of the richest farming tracts in Fairfield county. When he started out in life for himself he had not a dollar, but he relied upon unflagging industry and capable management to bring him success. He did not believe in waiting for opportunity, or for something to turn up, but made business opportunities himself and through well directed efforts he accumulated a handsome competence, thus leaving his family in very comfortable circumstances.

On the 22nd of March, 1840, Mr. Sherburne was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lutz, a native of Perry county, Ohio. She was born January 17, 1821, and with her parents afterward came to Fairfield county. Her father entered land from the government in this locality. Her parents were John and Louisa Lutz, both natives of Maryland, but they are deceased and their chil-

dren have also passed away with the exception of Mrs. Sherburne.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherburne was blessed with nine children, namely: Eli, Sarah and Lydia, all deceased; John, who is living in Van Wert county, Ohio; William, a resident of Illinois; Lavina, who died in infancy; Minerva, the wife of John Brehmer, of Circleville, Ohio; Calvin, who is married and living in Illinois; Ella, who is living in Rush Creek township; and Bell, the wife of William D. Krout, also of Rush Creek township. Mr. Sherburne took great delight in providing comfortably for his family. He carried on general farming and also engaged in the raising of full-blooded stock. In politics he was a Republican and was a member of the United Brethren church. He was honest with his fellow men, faithful in friendship and to home ties, and when called to his final rest many mourned his loss. He passed from this life to the spirit world in 1899.

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## ELNATHAN S. MALLON.

Elnathan S. Mallon is accounted one of the most highly respected citizens of Amanda township, who is to-day as loyal to his country's welfare as when the rebellion threatened the disintegration of the Union and he donned the soldier's suit of blue and went to the south in defense of his country. As long as memory lasts the people of this

nation will hold in gratitude those brave sons of America who fought to preserve the Union intact. His life history began May 30, 1832, on which day he first opened his eyes to the light in the family home three miles west of Lancaster, his parents being Cyrus and Elizabeth (Myers) Mallon. The father was also a native of Ohio and was a





farmer by occupation. In 1832 he joined the regular army and after five years of army life settled in Georgia.

The mother of our subject died when he was only two days old, and he was then taken by an aunt to Tarlton making it his home until he was six years of age, when he was adopted by John Wilson, of Hocking county, who resided near Perry. Mr. Mallon then remained with Mr. Wilson until he attained the age of seventeen years, when he started out in life on his own account. Since that time he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources and has won the proud American title of a self-made man. He learned the trade of a carpenter and resided in Circleville for twelve years, after which he emigrated westward. When eighteen months had passed, however, he returned to Ohio and here he sought as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Miss Sophia Brown, their wedding being celebrated in 1856. She was also a native of this county and a daughter of Jacob Brown, a stone mason and farmer. The young couple began their domestic life upon a farm and soon afterward Mr. Mallon purchased his present place of residence, which he has made his home continuously since.

He put aside all business and personal considerations in August, 1862, in order that he might aid his country in her struggle to crush out the rebellion in the south. He enlisted as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was with Sherman at Vicksburg, being wounded at that place on the 22d of

May. He was also present at the capture of Arkansas Post, at the battles of Fort Blakely, Champion Hill, Black River and Vicksburg. He ever found it his most pleasant duty to faithfully defend the old flag and the cause which it represented, and with a deep feeling of rejoicing he heard of the surrender of the Confederate troops, knowing that it meant the supremacy of the Union cause. He was mustered out at Houston, Texas, and at Columbus, Ohio, he received an honorable discharge.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Mallon was blessed with five children, three sons and two daughters. Mary Elizabeth became the wife of Robert Bell, a carpenter residing in Amanda township, and died at the age of thirty-eight years, leaving three children, while one died in infancy. Those still living are: Rody, Homer and Myrl. William L., the second of the family, resides upon a farm adjoining his father's place and is a successful agriculturist and carpenter. He wedded Mary Cloud. George B., who resides above Cedar Hill in Amanda township, is also identified with the building industry. He married Hattie Cupp, and they had two children, but Margaretta is now deceased, while Etta resides with her parents. James W. is a carpenter of Athens, Ohio, and had two children, but both have passed away. Annie J. is at home. All were born upon the old homestead in Amanda township with the exception of the eldest daughter, whose birth occurred in Circleville.

In 1902 Mr. Mallon was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 14th of January of that year at the age of sixty-five years, ten months and four-



teen days. She was most devoted to her family and their welfare, and her many splendid qualities won her the respect, esteem and warm friendship of all with whom she became acquainted. She was a member of the Evangelical Association. Mr. Mallon belonged to the Grand Army Post while the post was maintained in Amanda. In politics he is a Republican and has held some local offices, including that of assessor. It

has not taken the excitement and dangers of warfare to bring out the courageous spirit and unfaltering loyalty of our subject, for he has ever been a citizen of worth to his community, interested in everything pertaining to the general good. His existence has covered seven decades, and throughout that long period he has ever enjoyed the trust of his fellow men and merited their high regard.

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### JOHN KOCHER.

John Kocher, now deceased, was one of the early settlers and highly esteemed citizens of Fairfield county. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and when but a small boy was brought to Ohio by his father, Peter Kocher, the latter also a native of Pennsylvania. The father took up his abode in Circleville, Pickaway county, where he lived for a number of years and then removed to Lockburn, where he died at an advanced age. He was a prosperous and progressive man and his energetic labors enabled him to provide well for his family. He was twice married and his first wife died in the Keystone state, but the second wife survived him for a number of years.

John Kocher, whose name introduces this record, remained with his father until he attained his majority, and the schools of Pickaway county afforded him his educational privileges. In his youth he learned

the mason's trade, which he followed until his marriage, after which he came to Fairfield county and settled in Clear Creek township, locating on a farm which was given to him and his wife by his father-in-law. The tract comprises one hundred twenty-two acres of rich land, upon which Mr. Kocher made all of the improvements, erected a large and pleasant frame house and built substantial barns and other outbuildings, adding the latest improved machinery and all modern equipments. His attention was given to the cultivation of the soil and raising of stock until his death. His labors were so discerningly directed that he won a most desirable competence.

Mr. Kocher was married to Miss Annie Pontius, who was born December 15, 1839, in Pickaway county, Ohio, the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Metzker) Pontius. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania and re-



moved to Ohio, settling in Pickaway county, where he spent his remaining days, passing away at the age of sixty-six years. His wife died at the age of sixty-eight. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kocher were born eleven children, ten of whom are still living. Daniel, a farmer residing in Clear Creek township, married Miss Catherine Bowman. Mary Ann is with her mother. John, who resides on the home farm, married Pauline Reigle, a daughter of George Reigle, and they have two sons: William Allen and Irvin Leroy. Catherine died at the age of four years. Artemesia is living with her mother. Sylvester, who resides in Clear Creek township and is a farmer there, married Miss Jennie B. Thomas, daughter of Reuben Thomas, and they have ten children: John R., of Circleville, who married Miss Ida Thomas and has one child, Ida Mabel; Edward; Minnie, the wife of Edward Cool, by whom she has two children; Theodore; Betta, the wife of William Hedge; Robert; Russell J.; Emmett; Bruce; and one who died in infancy. William, who carries on agricultural pursuits in Clear Creek township, married Jerusha Cornelia Koldren, a daughter of Andrew and Betsey Koldren, and they

have two sons, Calvin Elsworth, a carpenter of Columbus, Ohio, who married Jennie Spangler, daughter of Daniel Spangler; and Charles. Peter is a farmer of Pickaway county, who married Mahala Garrett, and they have four girls: Melva N., the wife of Amos Kleiner, of Seneca county; Nora; Laura and Kate, at home. George W., who carries on agricultural pursuits in Clear Creek township, married Catherine Stout, daughter of Henry and Susan Stout, and they had three children, Nettie and Hulda, both deceased, and Ora. Isadell is at home. Marilda is the wife of Charles E. Conrad, a son of Wesley Conrad, and they reside in Clear Creek township with their only child, Kirby Allen.

Mr. Kocher died in 1880, at the age of sixty-four years, two months and twelve days. He was a Democrat in politics and was a member of the Allbright church. His life record was at all times commendable, for he was straightforward in all his dealings, reliable in friendship and devoted to his family. He was laid to rest in Maple Hill cemetery in Clear Creek township, his death being deeply mourned by all who had known him.

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### THOMAS WETZLER.

For nearly thirty years Thomas Wetzler was the editor and proprietor of the Ohio Eagle, one of the few journals of this state that were established in the dawn of the

nineteenth century and has since been in continuous publication. Mr. Wetzler was born on a farm near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on the 19th of February, 1829, and



at an early age came to Ohio with his parents. They traveled overland, our subject taking his turn in driving the team and assisting in the various duties when the little party encamped along the roadside for the night. It was a wearisome and tedious trip, for the roads were in poor condition, but the experiences encountered in that journey proved a splendid schooling to the boy in later battles of life. The family reached Fairfield county and soon afterward the father died, so that upon the mother devolved the difficult task of rearing and educating her children, including several sons and daughters, but bravely she undertook the work, and her children ever acknowledge their deep gratitude to her for what she accomplished.

After acquiring a common school education Thomas Wetzler obtained employment in the office of the Lancaster Gazette, where he received his first instructions in the printing trade. In 1849 he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and worked on the Gazette of that city until the summer of 1850, when he removed to Columbus, being employed in various printing establishments of the capital city for some time. During the '60s he was superintendent of a large printing house of Richard Nevins, who for a number of years had the contract for the state printing and possessed what was at that time one of the most complete plants of the kind in the state. In 1870 Mr. Wetzler returned to Lancaster and purchased an interest in the Ohio Eagle, a paper which had been established in 1809. In the fall of 1870 he took up his abode in Lancaster and his compre-

hensive and accurate knowledge of the printing trade enabled him to place the Eagle in the foremost ranks among Ohio's journals in a very short time. The business of the office had quadrupled and the period of his connection with the paper was one of prosperity. In the spring of 1890, in connection with his son, Edward Wetzler, he established the Lancaster Daily Eagle, and in its editorial work he took an active part until the year 1896, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis which incapacitated him for further labor. On the 23d of March, 1899, a second stroke terminated his life. He had for many years occupied a leading and honored position in journalistic circles and his efforts in behalf of the city of Lancaster through the columns of his paper largely promoted its progress and growth in many lines of substantial improvement.

Mr. Wetzler was united in marriage to Laura Wilkinson and they became the parents of four sons and three daughters, but George, the eldest, died in the fall of 1879. The living children are Charles; John; Edward; Mrs. C. O. Wells, of New York city; Mrs. C. P. Wiseman; and Fannie Wetzler. In his political views Mr. Wetzler was a Democrat. He took a very active interest in politics and many times served as a delegate to conventions. In 1888 he was chosen as the district delegate to the national Democratic convention at St. Louis and four years before that was alternate-at-large to the convention which first nominated Hon. Grover Cleveland for the presidency. Although his school privileges were somewhat limited, his reading was broad and comprehensive and





he kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day and on all matters of general interest. He had a keen insight which enabled him to recognize possibilities and

his efforts in behalf of Lancaster for the social, material, intellectual and moral growth were important and of far-reaching effect.

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### JACOB L. ROPP.

Jacob L. Ropp, who is connected with the farming and stock-raising interests of Fairfield county and is also identified with banking circles, was born near Little Georgetown, West Virginia, on the 1st of July, 1849, his parents being Jacob and Catharine (Riner) Ropp, both of whom were natives of Berkley county, West Virginia, where they spent their entire lives. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Solomon Ropp, a native of Germany, who on crossing the Atlantic to America settled in West Virginia, although that state then formed a part of the Old Dominion. He was a farmer, successfully carrying on the work of his fields, and was a prominent and influential citizen. About 1805 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Yeasley, a daughter of Michael and Mott Llana Yeasley, who were also born in Germany, and on their emigration to the new world in 1734 located in Jefferson county, West Virginia. With a number of other Germans Michael Yeasley laid out a town on the south bank of the Potomac and named it Mechlenburg, by which name it continued to be called until 1760, when it was changed to Shepherdstown. Although a town of only seventeen hundred inhab-

itants it has the proud distinction of furnishing three governors to Ohio—Tiffin, Morrow and Worthington, who were all born there—and also five members of congress—Morrow, Baker, Swearingen, Bedinger and Boteler. Michael Yeasley was a weaver by trade and by industry and perseverance made a success of his business. He built a substantial brick house one-half mile west of Shepherdstown which is still standing, and there he reared a family of nine daughters, all of whom married but one. The married daughters were Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Welshans, Mrs. Staley, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Sheets, Mrs. Cookus, Mrs. Ropp and Mrs. Brotmarkel. Unto Solomon Ropp and wife were born eight children, three sons and five daughters, who in order of birth were as follows: Mary Magdalene, who married John Miller; Daniel, who married Nancy Snall; Catharine, who became the wife of Jacob Lingamfelter; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Cox; Hannah, who married David Hoffman; Solomon, who wedded Mary Folk; Jacob, father of our subject; and Margaret, who married Mr. Hedges. All remained near the old homestead throughout life with exception of Margaret, who after her marriage



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removed to Missouri and there spent her remaining days. The father of these children engaged in farming about one mile north of the original Ropp homestead and there reared his family.

After arriving at years of maturity, Jacob Ropp, the father of our subject, devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and met with creditable success in his chosen vocation. In 1840 he married Miss Catharine Riner, a daughter of Peter and Ann Marie (Lingamfelter) Riner, who were married about 1808. Her mother had been married previously, her first husband being a Mr. Hoffman. Her father owned a large tract of land in Back Creek valley, near Jones Spring, and was engaged in tilling the soil. He served his country in arms during the war of 1812 and later purchased a farm six miles north of Martinsburg, West Virginia, in the Shenandoah valley, where he made his home for several years, and then gave it to his eldest son, buying a large tract of land at Little Georgetown on the Potomac river, twelve miles west of Shepherdstown. There he spent his remaining days in a huge limestone house where our subject was born and reared. In the Riner family were five children, two sons and three daughters, namely: Henry, who married Eliza Couchman; Mary, who never married; Elizabeth, who married George Sperow; Catharine, mother of our subject; and David, who married Margaret Flagg. Eight children were born to Jacob and Catharine (Riner) Ropp, namely: John Peter, who died young; Mary Eliza, who married George T. Sperow, of Bell Point, Ohio; Emily Catharine, who

married Henry Gwilliams; Daniel Henry, who married Jennie Smith; Jacob Luther, whose name introduces this review; Sarah Elizabeth, who married Samuel Le Fevre Dodd; Margaret, who died in infancy; and Martha Jane, unmarried. The father of this family died on the 4th of March, 1882, at the age of sixty-four years, and the mother passed away on the 29th of April, 1893, at the age of seventy-nine. In political circles Jacob Ropp was an active factor, doing everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the Republican party, and upon its ticket was elected county treasurer in 1865 and a member of the state legislature of West Virginia in 1868.

Jacob L. Ropp, our subject, came from West Virginia to Fairfield county, Ohio, in the year 1894 and purchased his present farm of Melancthon Solt. He had acquired his education in the public schools of his native state and throughout his life has been identified with farming and stock raising. Here he is conducting the same line of work and is to-day the owner of a valuable tract of land in Bloom township, being accounted one of the most successful and progressive farmers of the community. He has also been identified with banking interests. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens National Bank at Martinsburg, West Virginia, and served as one of its directors until 1895.

On the 10th of October, 1876, Mr. Ropp was joined in wedlock to Miss Eliza Jane Anderson, a daughter of David and Mary (Speck) Anderson, whose parents came to



this country from the north of Ireland or Scotland and located at Welsh Run, Pennsylvania. In early life her father followed the wagon maker's trade. After his marriage he removed to Clear Spring, Maryland, and in 1857 became a resident of Berkley county, West Virginia, where he engaged in farming, but his last days were spent near Hedgesville, that state, where he died February 11, 1892, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife survived him and passed away February 1, 1901, at the very advanced age of ninety years. They were the parents of six daughters, as follows: Margaret Ann; Elizabeth, wife of George Newkirk; Catharine, wife of Ernest Waernicke; Eliza Jane, wife of our subject; Susan Bell; and Florence Speck. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ropp were Clar-

ence, who was accidentally drowned while bathing in the lake at Buckeye Park on the 31st of August, 1895, at the age of seventeen years; Nora Bell; Mary Catharine; Ethel Virginia; and Eliza Gilmore, all at home.

The family hold membership in the Lithopolis Presbyterian church and Mr. Ropp is quite prominent in political circles, having belonged to the Republican executive committee of Berkley county, West Virginia, for four years and still taking an active part in advancing the success of the party in this county. His life has been active, useful and honorable, and although his residence in Fairfield county covers but a comparative brief period he is already widely and favorably known as a progressive and representative citizen.

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### MRS. MARY ELIZABETH REESE.

The life tenure of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Reese covered a most important period in the history of the country. She passed the eighty-eighth milestone on life's journey, and while woman does not figure prominently in public affairs and therefore lives the quiet life of the home she nevertheless exerted an influence which had its bearing upon the nation's history. She was the eldest sister of John and W. T. Sherman, the former one of the most celebrated statesmen; the other one of the most distinguished

military commanders whose name graces the annals of America. Through her close connection with one of the most prominent families of America she kept in constant touch with public events and the nation's progress, and her influence, though quietly exerted, was nevertheless potent in shaping events of far-reaching influence. In social circles of Lancaster she was long a leader. Her entire life was here passed with the exception of ten years spent in Philadelphia.

Her birth occurred in Lancaster on the





21st of April, 1812, her father being Charles R. Sherman. From the time of her marriage, which occurred when she was seventeen years of age, she was a leader in society in Lancaster, known to all of its people and highly esteemed and honored. Her true womanly qualities, superior culture, learning and innate refinement, combined with sympathy and tact, early gained for her a position in Lancaster which was even strengthened as the years went by, and the impress of her individuality yet remains upon the cultured life of Lancaster.

When her brother, General W. T. Sherman, afterward the hero of many a battle and the loved commander of a great army, but then broken in spirit and much distressed on account of cruel and unjust treatment, came to Lancaster on a furlough, after he had been relieved by Secretary Cameron on the plea that he was either drunk or crazy, she was the one to whom he went for sympathy, and it was her faith in his ability that fortified him and gave him the encouragement that induced him to return to the army, where he was destined to rise to high honors and fame. But Mrs. Reese never forgave Cameron for the injury to her brother, and at the marriage of her niece to Don Cameron she declined to be escorted by the Secretary, notwithstanding he had apologized for the treatment of the General.

In the old homestead, a part of which, now modernized, still stands on the hill, between the residences of E. B. White and Philip Rising, the home in which her brothers and sisters were reared, Mary Elizabeth Sherman was married in her seventeenth year to William J. Reese, a wealthy young

lawyer of Philadelphia, who had begun the practice of his profession in Lancaster. The courtship which resulted in this marriage furnishes one of the pretty legends associated with historic Mount Pleasant, a unique pile of rocks on the northern boundary of the city. The popular version of the story is that Miss Sherman, to test the lover's courage and affection, sprang from the face of the bluff, which rises two hundred feet and more from the base, and was immediately followed by Mr. Reese. Alighting on the declivity many feet below, both were saved from injury, and immediately she gave her "promise true" to the brave young fellow. Somewhat short of the romance, the incident, as related by Mrs. Reese, was as follows: One afternoon she was induced by some of her school friends to play truant and the bevy ascended Mount Pleasant, where they were wandering about when they chanced to encounter a party of young men, among whom was Mr. Reese, who at that time was paying marked attention to Miss Sherman. Not wishing to meet her admirer, she started on a run to evade them, her foot slipped on the verge of the precipice and over she went, landing a few feet below on a ledge of rock, where she lay unconscious. Young Reese noticed her disappearance and sprang after her, and by the aid of the others lifted her back to the plane above, and she was assisted home in a semi-conscious condition. When medical aid was summoned it was found that the teeth of her old-fashioned tortoise shell comb had been driven their length under the scalp and broken off, necessitating the use of a knife for their removal. The young lady was



badly bruised by the fall, but was otherwise uninjured. A piece of her dress, which was torn off in her descent, was picked up by her rescuer and preserved for years as a cherished memento. The heroine of this little escapade gave her hand in marriage to her rescuer, developed into a woman of splendid graces of character which endeared her to all and the ties of respect, friendship and

love strengthened as she approached a beautiful old age. She reached the age of eighty-eight years, passing away in 1900. A chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has been named in her honor. In Lancaster, where she so long resided, her memory is still enshrined in the hearts of all who enjoyed the pleasure of her friendship.

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### JOHN J. SILBAUGH.

John J. Silbaugh, who is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Lancaster, is numbered among Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in the city of Ironton, Lawrence county, in January, 1860. His father, William Silbaugh, was a native of Germany, while his mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Everleigh, was born in Virginia. They were among the early settlers of Lawrence county, and the father was a weaver by trade.

In the place of his nativity Dr. Silbaugh spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and mastered the branches of learning taught in the graded and high schools there. When it came time to make choice of a calling which he wished to make his life work he determined to enter the medical profession and pursued his early studies under the direction of Drs. Maurice and Wilson, both prominent physicians of Ironton. His more advanced reading was pursued in Bellevue Hospital in New York city, where

he was graduated with the class of 1886. He then returned to Ohio and entered upon the practice of his chosen vocation and at once located in the town of Royalton, Fairfield county, where he remained for ten years, when seeking a broader field of labor he removed to Lancaster, and has since been known as a capable, discriminating and earnest member of the medical fraternity. He is very accurate in diagnosing disease and anticipating the outcome of complications. He has now a large and lucrative practice among the best class of people here and his labors are bringing to him a desirable financial return.

In 1886 the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Welch, of Ironton, and unto them were born a son and daughter, Carl and Mary. The mother died in 1892 and four years later the Doctor was again married, his second union being with Gertrude Williams, of Royalton, a daughter of Fletcher Williams. They also have two



children: Ray and Hughes. Their hospitable home is a favorite resort with many friends, and the Doctor is also a valued representative of the Masonic fraternity. He belongs to the blue lodge, chapter and commandery, and is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In the line of his profession he is connected with the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. His strict regard for professional ethics, his broad humanitarian principles, his unflinching courtesy and genial manner, all combine to make him a successful and prosperous physician whose high reputation is well merited.

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### GEORGE W. WYGUM.

George W. Wygum, who carried on general farming on section 24, Greenfield township, is of German lineage. His father, George W. Wygum, was born in Baden, Germany, and when eight years of age accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world. They landed in New York, thence made their way to Pittsburg, and from the latter city proceeded by boat to Cincinnati. They continued their journey through the state, seeking a favorable location, and two men, representing themselves as having land to sell, induced Mr. Wygum to accompany them to inspect the property. When they had gone some distance from the settlement they robbed him of all his money, but fortunately his wife had five hundred dollars. Returning to his family, he then started with them for a German settlement in Rush Creek township, Fairfield county, and here he purchased a tract of land.

The son, George W. Wygum, Sr., was

bound out upon a farm to work for his board and clothing and was also to be allowed the privilege of attending school during the winter months. Being ambitious, he improved every opportunity, and by the time he was a young man had a good education for those days. He afterward engaged in teaching school with considerable success. Having learned the trade of a baker and confectioner, he established a bakery and grocery store in Lancaster, where he soon secured a very liberal patronage and made money rapidly. His surplus fund he invested in a farm in Pleasant township and thus became a factor in agricultural interests in the county.

After the inauguration of the Civil war, however, he manifested his loyalty to his adopted land and gave proof of his patriotic spirit by enlisting in the Sixty-first Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, with which he served as quartermaster until the close of hostilities. He then went to Nashville, Tennessee.



see, and established a furniture store, but after a few years he sold his business there and returned to his home farm in Pleasant township, Fairfield county. After a short period had elapsed he sold this property and once more removed to Lancaster, where he remained for two years. He then purchased one hundred and sixty-six acres of land on section 24, Greenfield township, and continued its operation throughout his remaining days, passing away on the 20th of December, 1894, respected by all who knew him.

When a young man Mr. Wygum had married Margaret Geil, a daughter of Christian Geil, a German of Rush Creek township. They became the parents of twelve children, of whom two died in infancy; two of the sons went to the south to seek their fortunes, but no tidings were ever after received from them. Mary is the wife of William Feters, a resident farmer of Pleasant township; George W., our subject, is the second in order of birth; Margaret married John Feters and their home is also in Pleasant township; Elizabeth married William Stahl, of Lancaster; Charles is upon a part of the old family homestead; Kate is the wife of John Fitzer

and they now reside in Urbana, Ohio; Emma became the wife of Scott Keste, and lives in Columbus, Ohio; William follows carpentering in Lancaster; Frederick D., a graduate of Starling Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio, was engaged in the practice of medicine in Maxville, this state, at the time of his death, which occurred July 23, 1890.

George W. Wygum, Jr., has never married. He managed the farm for his mother until her death, and since that time has continued to operate it for the family. Close ties of fraternal regard bind the members of the Wygum family and representatives of the name have ever been people of sterling worth, enjoying in a high degree the confidence and respect of all with whom they have been associated. The father was a very prominent and influential man. Of marked business ability, keen foresight and executive ability, he carried forward to a successful completion whatever he undertook, and while winning prosperity for himself he also faithfully performed his duties of citizenship and co-operated in many movements and measures for the general good.

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## THOMAS H. DILL.

To the energetic natures and strong mentality of such men as Thomas H. Dill, who has been an active member of the state legislature, is due the success and increasing pros-

perity of the Democratic party in this state, and in the hands of this class of citizens there is every assurance that the best interests and welfare of the party will be attended







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to. Given to the prosecution of active measures in political affairs and possessing the earnest purpose of placing their party beyond the pale of possible diminution of power, the Democratic leaders are putting forth every effort to promote their party's strength. One of the leading representatives in this portion of Ohio is Mr. Dill, who throughout his life has been a loyal citizen, imbued with patriotism and fearless in defense of his honest convictions.

Mr. Dill was born in Kent county, Delaware, February 7, 1839, a son of Philemon and Rebecca (Hurd) Dill, the former a native of Kent county and the latter of Caroline county, Maryland. The Dill family is of Scotch-Irish origin and the first of the name in this county were William, John and Abner. The old family homestead in Maryland has been in possession of the family for almost two centuries, the first transfer of the property being on record in 1705. The tract, comprising three hundred acres, has never been out of the name. The original Golden Grove estate comprised twelve hundred acres. John Dill, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Caroline county, Maryland, and the maternal grandfather was Thomas Hurd, a farmer of Kent county, Delaware, whose father, William, was a Revolutionary soldier, while Thomas Hurd served his country in the war of 1812.

Mr. Dill, whose name introduces this record, spent the first seventeen years of his life in the state of Delaware and then came to Ohio, where he entered Oberlin college, spending two years as a student in that institution, pursuing his studies through the

winter months, while in the summer he followed farming. He also took up the study of law, which he followed for two years, but preferring agricultural work, he abandoned preparation for the legal profession. For eight years he resided in Morrow county, Ohio, where he owned and cultivated one hundred acres of land. In 1866 he came to Fairfield county, but after a year returned to Morrow county, living upon the old homestead farm of one hundred and sixty acres, belonging to his wife. When six years had passed he removed to Westerville, Franklin county, Ohio, where he remained for four years and in 1877 took up his abode in Bloom township, Fairfield county upon a farm which remained his place of residence for ten years.

Mr. Dill has been very prominent in political affairs, as a leader of the Democratic party. In 1888 he was elected on its ticket to represent his district in the general assembly by a majority of fourteen hundred and fifty and served so capably that in 1890 he was re-elected by an increased majority, amounting to eighteen hundred and fifty-six. During his term he was an instigator of important movements and was instrumental in securing the success of the local option bill for the state of Ohio. By his vote for this measure he subjected himself to the danger of being ostracised by his party. He was the chosen delegate from Ohio to the western council congress, which met in Kansas City, April 14, 1891, and was made chairman of the committee on organization, composed of seven members, who had the power of appointing the speak-



er of the house and Daniel R. Frances was chosen. During his legislative career Mr. Dill was chairman of the agricultural committee and served on other important committees. He has been president of the school board of Bloom township for several years and for a period of six years was mayor of Lithopolis, his administration being practical, progressive and business-like, and giving eminent satisfaction.

In 1858 Mr. Dill was united in marriage to Miss Marian, a daughter of Philemon and Jane (Needles) Harris. Their living children are: Willard, a resident of Lafayette, Indiana; Philemon C., of Harrisburg, Ohio; and Nellie, who is a teacher of Columbus. One daughter, Eravelda, died in 1877 at the age of eighteen years. Mrs. Dill is a representative of one of the oldest families of

Fairfield county. George Needles came to Bloom township, this county, from Delaware in 1803, and the following year made a permanent location. In 1806 he was the first tax payer of the county and the First Methodist Episcopal church in the county was organized in his home. He took an active interest in public progress and advancement and his efforts contributed in a large measure to the general welfare. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dill hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and are people of the highest respectability, their circle of friends being almost co-extensive with their circle of acquaintances. His entire freedom from ostentation or self-laudation has made him one of the popular citizens of Fairfield county, with whose history he has now been long and prominently identified.

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## LOUIS ROSEY.

Louis Rosey, a wholesale dealer in liquors at Lancaster, was born in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, in 1859. He was educated in Seymour, Indiana, to which place he removed with his parents, Abner and Bertha (Mode) Rosey. For a number of years his father was engaged in merchandising in Seymour, but later in life removed to St. Louis, Missouri, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1896. His wife is still living in her seventy-first year. In their family were four

sons: Louis, of this review; Max, a wholesale merchant; and Hy and Samuel, who are in business in Cincinnati and are prosperous citizens.

After completing the high school course in Seymour, Indiana, Mr. Rosey, of this review, entered upon his business career, being first employed in a dry goods and clothing store as a salesman. When his diligence and economy had brought to him sufficient capital he embarked in business on his own account, and in 1889 he came to



Lancaster, where he began merchandising at No. 164 West Main street, making a specialty of Kentucky rye whiskies, and also rye whisky manufactured in Pennsylvania.

In 1882 he married Miss Clara Wernke, of Cincinnati, in which city she was born and reared. Her parents were natives of Germany and for many years resided in

Cincinnati. In his political views Mr. Rosey is a Democrat and fraternally is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Royal Arcanum. He has gained a wide acquaintance in Lancaster and in his business interests is meeting with much success.

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### WASHINGTON MAGEE.

When the tocsin of war sounded it awakened the patriotism of brave men throughout the north. They came from the work-shops, from the fields, they came from their offices and counting rooms imbued with one desire—to preserve the Union at whatever personal sacrifice it might cost. Washington Magee was among the number who took his place beside the standard of the nation and fought valiantly in its defense. He is now living a retired life in the village of Oakland, Fairfield county, where he has long made his home, respected by all who know him. His birth occurred in Tarlton, Pickaway county, February 19, 1819, his parents being George W. and Catherine Magee. The father conducted a tavern during the greater part of his life. His death occurred in Tarlton at the age of sixty-two years, while the mother of our subject passed away in Circleville, but was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the former place. She was the mother of twelve children, four of whom are yet living.

Washington Magee spent the days of his minority in the county of his nativity, and his educational privileges were those afforded by the common schools. His time was largely occupied in assisting his father, and when twenty-one years of age he removed to Circleville, where he remained for about three years, at the expiration of which period he became a resident of Tarlton, but after a short time took up his abode in Oakland, Clear Creek township, which has since been his place of residence. He is a mechanic and has followed mechanical pursuits during the greater part of his life. He learned both the tinner's and harnessmaker's trade. His business career, however, was interrupted by his service as a defender of the Union. He enlisted on the 13th of February, 1864, as a member of Company H, Fifty-second Ohio Volunteers, with which he continued until the cessation of hostilities. At Camp Chase, near Cincinnati, he received an honorable discharge. At the close of the war he returned to Oakland,





and for a time lived on the farm. He now draws a pension of twenty-five dollars per month because of impaired health occasioned by his army experience.

Mr. Magee was united in marriage to Polly Walters, and unto them were born four sons and one daughter. William H. has been a member of the standing army since the age of sixteen years. Elmira is the wife of Jacob Bender, of North Baltimore. Henry K. resides in Indiana. George makes his home in Chicago, Illinois. Newton is deceased. The mother of this family was called to her final rest and Mr. Magee afterward married Becky Westenbarger, by whom he had one child, John L., who is now in England. Following the death of the second wife Mr. Magee was married, in 1870, to Mrs. Aquilla Westenbarger, whose maiden name was Aquilla Bentz. She was born in Maryland and is a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Hornbaker) Bentz. Her father was born in Maryland and was a weaver by trade. He came to Ohio when Mrs. Magee was about two years of age and settled with his family in Berne township, Fairfield county, where

both he and his wife died, the former at the age of sixty-five years, the latter at the age of ninety years. Mrs. Magee was born about April 7, 1829, in Maryland, and after arriving at years of womanhood she gave her hand in marriage to David Westenbarger, who was born August 27, 1828. Their children were: Martha Jane; Samuel, deceased; Charles; Margaret E.; David; and Henry, who has also passed away. Mr. Westenbarger was born in Sugar Grove, Fairfield county, and was a farmer by occupation. He enlisted in Company I, of the Ninetieth Ohio Regiment, during the Civil war, and after serving for about six months died in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Magee now have a pleasant home in Oakland, where he has so long resided that he is known to almost all of its citizens, and he also has a wide acquaintance throughout the county. He is now living in honorable retirement from labor at the ripe old age of eighty-three years, and he receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on the journey of life.

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### M. C. MILLER.

In public office M. C. Miller has won high commendation by reason of his loyal service in behalf of the public. He was at one time treasurer of Fairfield county and

over his record there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. He has always resided in Fairfield county, and those who have known him longest and best entertain



for him the highest regard, showing that his life history is one which will bear closest investigation.

Mr. Miller was born October 2, 1841, on the old home farm in Berne township, five miles east of Lancaster. His father, Michael Miller, was a very prominent and influential citizen at an early date, widely known throughout the county by reason of his many excellent characteristics. He was also a self-made man and the success which he achieved came as the reward of his own labors. He was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, in the year 1813, and at an early date he was left an orphan. He acquired his education in the schools of the Old Dominion and when about twenty-three years of age emigrated westward, casting in his lot among the pioneer settlers of Berne township, Fairfield county, Ohio, where he lived until called to his final rest at the age of seventy years. Farming was his life work, and through that industry he was enabled to provide a comfortable home for himself and family. In 1837 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Stoneburner, a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, and they became the parents of seven children: Ann Maria, now deceased; Elizabeth, who married J. B. Turner; M. C., the subject of this sketch; John E., of the Lancaster Bank; Abraham, who has also passed away; David E., a resident of Illinois; and Frank P., residing in Mechanicsville, Iowa. The father of this family was a staunch advocate of the Democracy, and for thirteen years he faithfully served as an infirmiry director. At that time the salary was about eighteen dollars each year, while now it reached into

the hundreds. Mr. Miller was a member of the Menonite church and from early youth until his death his life record was honorable and straightforward. All that he possessed came to him as the reward of his earnest and honorable labor, and throughout Fairfield county he was held in high esteem.

M. C. Miller, whose name introduces this record, is indebted to the district school system for the educational privileges which he enjoyed, which, however, were somewhat limited. At that time goose quills were used for pens and the teacher was required to give instruction in but three branches known as the three Rs—readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic. When about twenty years of age he put aside his text-books and continued to work upon the home farm until his marriage, Miss Emma Reed becoming his wife. She was a native of Lancaster and to them were born two children: Stella, who married James A. Berry, of Columbus, and Robert, who married Abbie Trout, daughter of H. G. Trout, of Lancaster, and makes his home in Lancaster. In August, 1894, the mother of these children passed away, and in 1900 Mr. Miller was again married, his second union being with Charlotte Bowes, a native of Berne township.

After his first marriage he purchased of his father a farm upon which he resided until 1889. In that year he was elected county treasurer and removed to Lancaster. So acceptably did he care for the county finances that he was re-elected for a second term, and when he retired from office he enjoyed the confidence and good will of all. His selection for the position was indicated by the largest majority ever given in that coun-



ty. Early in the '90s he built the home in which he now resides. He has of recent years been engaged in the stock business, together with the superintendence of his farm, and in both branches of his enterprise he is meeting with prosperity. In politics he is a staunch Democrat when state and national issues are involved, but at local elections he regards only the capability of the

candidate. At different times he has served as township trustee, and for a number of years was a member of the school board. The qualities which go to make up an upright manhood are his, and through the past decades of his residence in Fairfield county he has enjoyed the friendship of those who have known him intimately, and the respect of all with whom he has been associated.

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### JOHN J. STUKEY, D. D. S.

Dentistry may be said to be almost unique among other occupations, as it is at once a profession, a trade and a business. Such being the case, it follows in order to attain the highest success in it one must be thoroughly conversant with the theory of the art, must be expert with the many tools and appliances incidental to the practice of modern dentistry, and must possess business qualifications adequate to dealing with the financial side of the profession. In these particulars Dr. John J. Stukey is well qualified, and therefore has attained prestige among the able representatives of dentistry in Ohio.

The Doctor was born in Berne township, Fairfield county, September 9, 1868, and is a son of Jesse and Lucinda (Armstrong) Stukey. His mother was also born in this county, being a daughter of John Armstrong, who resided in Baltimore, Ohio. The parents resided upon a farm and under the parental roof the Doctor was reared

and early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Through the winter months he pursued his education in the district school, and later spent some time as a student in the Sugar Grove high school. After putting aside his text-books he began to learn the more difficult lessons in the schools of experience. His first position was in the office of the county auditor, R. F. Brown, and afterward served as deputy auditor, acting in that capacity for three years. Subsequently he was employed by Dr. Eymn, a druggist, with whom he remained for two and one-half years, and on the expiration of that period he became a student of dentistry in the Ohio University at Columbus, where he remained for three years, being graduated in 1896.

Dr. Stukey then returned to Lancaster, where he opened an office supplying it with all the latest and most approved appliances



belonging to the profession. Although he is a young man his ability does not seem to be limited by his years, his excellent workmanship has secured to him a very large and constantly growing patronage. In 1897 Dr. Stukey was united in marriage to Miss Susie Miesse, a daughter of Noah and Catherine (Swartz) Miesse, of Colfax, Ohio. This

union has been blessed with two children: Marsalette Lucinda and John Russell. They have a pleasant home in Lancaster and enjoy the hospitality of many of the leading households here. The Doctor is identified with the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and in the line of his profession is connected with the Ohio Central Dental Society.

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### CHRISTOPHER CLUMP.

Christopher Clump, who carries on general farming on section 35, Pleasant township, was born in Lancaster on the 17th of January, 1835. His father, Christopher Clump, was a native of Germany, born in the year 1798. By trade he was a carpenter, and in his native land he was married. Subsequently he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, landing at Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained for six months. During that time he learned of the opportunities in the great west and also received information concerning the cheapness of land. This was the inducement which brought him to Ohio, and after a short residence in Lancaster he became identified with agricultural interests of Marion township, Hocking county, where he purchased fifty acres of land, to which he afterward added a small tract, making a nice farm of eighty acres. To the development and cultivation of his place he devoted his energies until his death, which occurred in 1845. In

his family were several children, three of whom are yet living: John, a farmer of Hocking county, Ohio; Julia Ann, the wife of Joseph Mangold, of Columbus, Ohio; and Christopher.

Christopher Clump, of this review, is the youngest, and in his youth he attended the common school and at an early age he learned the carpenter's trade, which he continued to follow until he had saved enough money with which to purchase eighty acres of land in Hocking county, Ohio. He had resided thereon only a year, however, when he had an opportunity to sell it at a good advance. He then came to Fairfield county, taking up his abode in Walnut township, and resided there one year, at the end of which time he moved to Pleasant township, where he purchased his present farm of one hundred and fifteen acres on section 35. The last carpenter work which he has done was the erection of his own fine home that stands as a monument to his skill, ability





and enterprise. He is a progressive and wide-awake farmer, practical in his methods and conducting his business affairs so that he is annually adding to his income.

Mr. Clump was married in 1862 to Miss Mary Ruff, a daughter of Gottlieb Ruff, of Fairfield county, and seven children were born of their union: Amelia J., who resides at home; Edward, a farmer of Illinois; Benjamin G., who is engaged in farming near the old home farm, adjoining his father's; Emanuel D., who assists his father in the management of the homestead; Clara C., who acts as her father's housekeeper; and

Reuben W., who is also at home. The wife and mother died on the 10th of August, 1898, in the faith of the Lutheran church, of which she had long been a consistent member. Mr. Clump is also identified with the same denomination and his life has ever been true to its teachings and its principles. Industry and integrity have ever been salient characteristics in his business career, and as the years have passed he has gained a comfortable competence, which now supplies him with all the necessities and many of the luxuries of life and enables him to enjoy a well-earned rest from labor's arduous cares.

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### JOSEPH P. HERSHBERGER, M. D.

Among the capable physicians and surgeons of Lancaster is Dr. Joseph P. Hershberger. Since pioneer days the family name has been interwoven with the history of Fairfield county. His father, Lewis Hershberger, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on the 31st of December, 1809. In his native country he was educated and on emigrating to the United States took up his abode in Berne township, Fairfield county, Ohio, in the year 1830. Settling in the midst of the forest, he there hewed out a new farm, upon which he reared his family. Through the greater part of his active business life he remained a resident of Berne township. He was twice married, his first union being with Rachel Ream, of Fairfield

county, a daughter of Jacob Ream, who was an early settler of this portion of the state, removing to Fairfield county from Lancaster, county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hershberger died in 1854 and the father of our subject afterward married Catherine Stukey, a resident of Hocking township. By this union there were two children: Joseph P. and Angeline. The latter is the wife of Philip Crist, a farmer. The father passed away in September, 1887.

Upon the old home farm Dr. Hershberger was born and there spent the first two years of his life. At that time his father retired from active labor and removed to Lancaster. Here our subject spent his boyhood days, developing a strong manhood,





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which has carried him through many a strain in the years of active practice as a representative of the medical fraternity. During the summer months he worked in the fields of his father's farm, which place is now the property of the Doctor, and in the winter he attended the city schools of Lancaster. When he put aside his text books to enter business life he accepted a position as superintendent for Martin & Ewing, a coal firm, in the southern part of Perry county, where he remained for eight years, but the practice of medicine was attractive to him and he determined to devote his energies to the alleviation of human suffering. Accordingly he began reading under the direction of Dr. Flowers, of Lancaster, and in March, 1881, he was graduated in the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Upon his return to Lancaster, he opened an office and began practice, since which time he has devoted his entire attention to his professional duties, which have constantly increased as the years have passed. He was one of the original members of the Natural Gas Company and is a member and president of the Per-

petual Building & Loan Association, which company was organized in 1881.

On the 17th of January, 1883, the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Mary R. Donaldson, of Zanesville, Ohio, a daughter of Thomas and Adelia (Flowers) Donaldson. Three children have been born of this union, Carl, Joseph and Mary. Socially the Doctor is connected with the Lancaster Lodge, No. 57, F. & A. M.; Lancaster Chapter, No. 11, R. A. M.; Lancaster Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; and Hock Hocking Encampment, No. 8, Alpine Lodge, No. 566, I. O. O. F. He is also a member of the State Homeopathic Association and of the American Institute of Homeopathy. There have been no exciting chapters in his career. His life has been devoted to the faithful performance of his professional duties and to the discharge of his duties of citizenship and of home life. There is in him, however, the weight of character and the strong individuality which commands respect. He has the regard of his professional brethren and of the public and well merits the success which has been accorded his efforts.

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### ABRAHAM HANSBERGER.

Until 1902 Abraham Hansberger was proprietor of the largest general store in this part of Ohio, conducting business in Baltimore for a long period. He now has

extensive landed interests and his property has all been acquired since he entered upon his business career and has come to him as a direct result of capable management, keen



discrimination and unflagging industry. He was born in Amanda township, this county, on the 4th of December, 1848, and is a son of Joel and Elizabeth (Loose) Hansberger. His parents were both natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and about 1845 came to Fairfield county, Ohio, the father purchasing a farm in Amanda township, upon which he lived until 1850, when he removed with his family to a farm about four and one-half miles west of Baltimore. There they remained until a few years prior to the death of Joel Hansberger, when they took up their abode in the village of Baltimore. He had purchased one hundred and twelve acres of land, which was largely covered with timber. Soon the woodman's ax awakened the echoes of the forest and tree after tree fell before his sturdy strokes. As the land was cleared he plowed and planted it, placing it under a high state of cultivation as the years passed. He was quite successful in his farming operations and thus gained a comfortable living for himself and family. Both he and his wife were members of the Evangelical church, and in his political views he was a pronounced Republican. In the family were eleven children: Daniel, who is living in Columbus, Ohio; John, a resident of Worthington, Minnesota; Joel, who makes his home in Baltimore, Ohio; Eli, of Michigan; Jacob, who was a soldier of the Civil war and died in the hospital in Washington, D. C.; Abraham, of this review; Thomas, of Michigan; Henry, who is living in Millersport, Fairfield county; Charles, of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Lanah Ault, of Tiffin, Ohio; and Mrs. Alice Johnson, of Baltimore. The mother of these

children passed away, and the father afterward married Elizabeth Miller, by whom he had one child, who is now Mrs. Anna Kisler, a resident of Columbus, Ohio. Joel Hansberger died January 20, 1886, at Baltimore, and was laid to rest in the Basil cemetery. He was an earnest, upright man, well liked by all who knew him.

Abraham Hansberger spent his life upon the old family homestead, and in the district schools of Liberty township acquired his education, although his privileges in that direction were somewhat meager, for his services were needed in the work of the home farm. He assisted his father until he was twenty years of age, when in 1868 he went to the northern part of the state of Ohio, locating in Fremont. In that locality he worked as a farm hand for a number of years and through industry and economy accumulated sufficient capital so that on his return to Baltimore in 1880 he was able to enter into business as a general merchant in partnership with his brother Charles. They began operations on a small scale, but gradually increased their stock in order to meet the growing demands of their trade, and after eight years Abraham Hansberger purchased his brother's interest, continuing the business until 1902, when he sold out. He had a large department store, in which he carried a very complete stock, being one of the largest general stores of this section of the state. His patronage came from far and near and his careful control of his business and his reliable methods brought to him very gratifying prosperity. As the years passed he made extensive and judicious investments in real estate. He now owns





considerable amount of property, including three hundred and twenty-six acres of land in South Dakota, a fine farm of three hundred acres near Columbus, several lots and houses in the capital city and also residence property and vacant lots in Baltimore.

Mr. Hansberger has been twice married. He first wedded Nettie Krine, a native of Michigan, who died a short time afterwards and was laid to rest in the family lot in the Basil cemetery. On the 5th of January, 1888, he wedded Miss Ida Bright, a daughter of Enoch Bright, of Baltimore,

and unto them were born two children: Beulah and Dolly. Mr. and Mrs. Hansberger are members of the United Evangelical church of Baltimore, in which he has served as steward for the past twenty years. In his political views he endorses Republican principles, but has never sought or desired office. Quiet and unassuming in manner, he is nevertheless held in the highest regard by all who know him, the esteem being probably all the greater by reason of the fact that he makes no demands for public regard.

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### DANIEL STUCKEY.

At an early epoch in the pioneer history of Fairfield county, the Stuckey family was established within its borders, and it was upon the old family homestead that the subject of this review was born in the year 1826. The old house was erected by his grandfather, John Stuckey, in 1809. It was built of logs which had been hewed from four or five feet down to about seven inches. The old place is still standing, but two ell have been added to it. It is one of the old land marks which, through almost a century, has looked forth upon the surrounding country, witnessing the many changes which have occurred as this district was merged from frontier conditions to take its place among the leading counties of the commonwealth. John Stuckey, the builder of this pioneer home, was a native of Switzerland

and on crossing the Atlantic to the new world, took up his abode at Lancaster, Pennsylvania where he reared his family. He afterward brought his four sons with him to Fairfield county, settling in Berne township upon the farm which is now the home of our subject. At that time he owned all of the land where the town of Sugar Grove is now located, comprising about four or five acres. The flats were at one time covered with sugar trees and thus the little town of Sugar Grove derived its name. The grandfather gave to each of his children one hundred and sixty acres of land and thus aided them in making a start in life. He was an active factor in the early development of the county but died in the year 1818.

Joseph Stuckey, the father of our subject,



was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and acquired his early education there. He afterward accompanied his parents on their removal to Fairfield county and assisted in the cultivation and development of the home farm. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ream and to them were born eleven children, of whom one died in infancy. Mr. Stuckey was a very prominent factor in public affairs and left the impress of his individuality upon the development and improvement of his county. For fourteen years he served as associate judge of the county court and his official career was blameless by reason of his ability and his marked loyalty to duty. He was a man of literary tastes who read broadly and thought deeply. At one time he owned all of the land upon which the town of Sugar Grove was laid out. Both he and his wife were consistent and devout members of the Reformed church and for many years he served as one of its elders. Generous in his support of the church, he did all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence and he builded the first house of worship in Sugar Grove. When he was called to his final rest his children gave three lots to the church in Sugar Grove as a memorial to their father. He passed away in 1858, respected by all who knew him, for his worth was widely acknowledged and his efforts in behalf of the county along material, social, intellectual and moral lines were very beneficial.

On the old family homestead Daniel Stuckey, of this review, spent his boyhood days, experiencing many of the hardships of frontier life but at the same time enjoying

pleasures which are unknown at this period in the world's civilization. He pursued his education in an old-time log school house. Light was admitted into the room through a long window of about eighteen feet, made by leaving out a log in one side of the building and filling the aperture with glass. It was just above the desk which was formed of a slab all along one side of the room. There were slab benches, a punchoon floor and a huge fireplace, and methods of instruction were almost as primitive as the furnishings, but experience, observation and reading have supplemented the early educational privileges which Mr. Stuckey enjoyed, making him a well informed man. During his youth his time was largely occupied with the work of the farm, for he assisted his father in plowing, planting and harvesting.

In 1853 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Stuckey and Miss Mary Ann Sharp, a native of Berne township, Fairfield county, and to them have been born seven children, six of whom are yet living: Edward St. Clare and Joseph Albert, both residents of Columbus, Ohio; William, who is residing in Mt. Sterling and is employed on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; Charles Daniel, also a resident of Columbus; Robert Lee, who is living with his father; and Agnes, who married George Flowers and is residing near Lancaster.

The family home is a valuable farm of two hundred and seventy-one acres and upon it are five gas wells which materially add to the income of the owner. Mr. Stuckey entered the last piece of property in Fairfield county which was obtained from the government. This was in 1865. There



is a story connected with the old farm to the effect that about sixty-five years ago there was a hidden treasure dug up by a man of the name of White, who then secretly left the neighborhood, never letting it be known just how much he had received. Another man of the name of Riser, who was one of the diggers on the farm at the time, told Mr. Stuckey on his death bed that the hidden treasure had been discovered. The old hole which was being dug at the time is still there and is called Spiritual Hole. It was sunk to a depth of one hundred and sixty feet and required three months to dig it. Throughout his active business career Mr. Stuckey

has carried on agricultural pursuits and his labors have brought to him desirable success, so that he is now the possessor of a comfortable competence. In politics he is a Democrat, and is a member of the Reformed church of Sugar Grove. His entire life has been passed in Fairfield county, so that his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He has now passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey and can look back over the years that have passed without regret and forward to the future without fear, for his life has ever been characterized by honorable dealings with all.

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### CORNELIUS HUFFER.

Through three generations the Huffer family has been identified with agricultural interests of Fairfield county. Grandfather, father and son have been honored and respected farmers, whose labors have brought to them success and at the same time have contributed to the general prosperity of the county. Cornelius Huffer is now the owner of a very attractive and valuable farm, his being one of the model places in this portion of Ohio. He has made excellent improvements there, and his home is a large frame residence, in the rear of which stand substantial barns and outbuildings, all surrounded by richly cultivated fields. He has one hundred and thirty-one and one-third

acres of arable land, and, in connection with the production of the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate, he has extensively engaged in stock-raising.

Mr. Huffer was born in Amanda township upon this place, his natal day being May 8, 1837. His paternal grandfather, Isaac Huffer, came from Pennsylvania to Ohio when Fairfield county was situated upon the extreme borders of civilization, being a frontier district. He took up his abode in Amanda township, where he purchased one hundred and sixty-five acres of land in its primitive condition, the trees standing in their primeval strength of the years past. He not only placed his land under a high



state of cultivation, but added to his original purchase a tract of one hundred and thirty-three and one-third acres and still another of one hundred and sixty-five acres, his last possessions adjoining made him a wealthy farmer of the community. It was all covered with a dense growth of timber when it came into his possession, but with characteristic energy he began to clear it and soon the sound of the woodman's ax awakened the echoes of the forest and the sunlight shone upon open fields ready for cultivation. He fenced his place, erected good buildings, and in the course of time became the owner of a farm unsurpassed in improvements in this portion of the state. His home was there until his death, which occurred when he was about eighty years of age. His wife also passed away there after having survived him for several years. In the family were four children, but none are now living.

Isaac Huffer, the father of our subject, was born upon the old home place in Amanda township and became familiar with farm work under the direction of his father, and continued the cultivation of the land after his father's death. He, too, prospered, owing to his perseverance, his energy, his honorable business methods and personal worth. He supported the Baptist church during the latter part of his life, dying in that faith about 1860 when sixty-six years of age. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Wells and was born in Maryland, while her death occurred at the age of seventy-seven years. She was a devoted mother, a loving wife and a kind neighbor. She enjoyed to an unusual degree the love and

friendship of those with whom she was associated. During the last nine years of her life she was afflicted with blindness, but she bore her suffering bravely and with Christian fortitude. In their family were ten children, of whom Cornelius Huffer is the youngest and about the only survivor.

The subject of this review has known no other home than that upon which he is living. It was his playground in boyhood, the place of his early efforts in business, and has continued to be the field of his labor through all the years of his manhood. The large and attractive residence which stands here is a monument to his enterprise and progressive spirit, for it was erected by him. He has also built other buildings, which have made his place one of the model farms of the county. He thoroughly understands the best methods of producing crops and caring for stock, and in both branches of his business is meeting with creditable success.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Huffer chose Emeline Bell, their marriage occurring on the 14th of November, 1872. The lady was born in Amanda township, Fairfield county, and is the daughter of Charles Bell, a prominent farmer of this locality, his home being near the Huffer farm. He was killed by a falling tree while engaged in chopping in the woods. Mr. and Mrs. Huffer became the parents of nine children, but the first born died unnamed. Nora E. is the wife of Harry Dorrington, a resident farmer of Amanda township, and they have one child, Emory Cornelius. Emmet D. resides upon the home farm and assists his father in the cul-





tivation of the fields. Kirby B. also works on the old homestead. Mertie E. and Wilbert P. are yet under the parental roof, and Clinton C. completes the family, the others having died in infancy. The Democratic party receives the unwavering support of Mr. Huffer, who always casts his ballot for its men and measures, but he has never sought or desired public office as a reward

for party fealty. He is one of the men who have helped to make and hold Fairfield county to its present prosperous condition, and his life has been in harmony with the record of an honorable ancestry. His home is the visible evidence of his life of industry, and all who know him unite in speaking of him in terms of high praise and commendation.

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### WILLIAM L. CONRAD.

William L. Conrad, one of the old and respected citizens of Fairfield county, now residing in Clear Creek township, was born on the 15th of May, 1826, in the township which is still his home. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Conrad, married Esther Ruth. He was born in Maryland and came to Ohio in 1804, locating in Clear Creek township when the work of progress and improvement had scarcely been begun in this county. He secured a large tract of government land, which he cleared of the forest trees, there making a home for himself and family. Throughout his remaining days he carried on agricultural pursuits and at the age of seventy-eight years his life's labors ended in death. He was a very prosperous and progressive man and his energy and industry enabled him to overcome all difficulties in his path, to endure the hardships of a pioneer life and to steadily work his way upward to success.

John D. Conrad, the father of our sub-

ject, was also born in Maryland, and during the early days of his boyhood he was brought by his parents to Ohio, his youth being passed upon the farm his father had entered from the government. He too became a hard working and enterprising man and accumulated considerable property. He held some of the minor offices of his township and gave his political support to the Republican party, believing thoroughly in its principles. He held membership in the Lutheran church and his life was in consistent harmony with its teachings. When he had arrived at years of maturity he wedded Elizabeth Lape. They became the parents of five children: Hester, who died at the age of thirty years; Angeline, the wife of Ezra Valentine, of Madison township; John, who died in 1867, at the age of thirty-five; Daniel, who resides in Clear Creek township; and William L., of this review. The father of this family died on the old homestead at the age of seventy-six years, while his wife



passed away in 1864 at the age of sixty-eight. They were respected by all who knew them and in a large measure enjoyed the friendship of those with whom they came in contact.

William L. Conrad, the eldest of their family, remained upon the home farm until 1849. He has engaged in general farming and stock-raising throughout the years of his manhood. His education was acquired in the public schools, his lessons being pursued in an old log school house, which he attended only through the winter months, for his labors were needed upon the home farm during the summer season. He early became familiar with the work of plowing, planting and harvesting, and after he had attained to man's estate he engaged in the operation of one hundred sixty-eight acres of land, his thorough understanding of farm work enabling him to annually secure a good return for his labors.

During the Civil war, however, Mr. Conrad put aside the duties of field and meadow in order that he might aid his country, and on the 1st of May, 1864, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry for three months' service. He was stationed at Baltimore, Maryland and at the expiration of his term was discharged at Washington. He then returned to his home and family in Ohio.

Mr. Conrad had been married in 1849 to Miss Lucinda Conrad, whose birth occurred in Clear Creek township, Fairfield county, a daughter of Daniel D. Conrad, who came to Ohio from Maryland when he was four years of age and spent his remaining days

in Clear Creek township. Thirteen years ago our subject was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died at the age of sixty years. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church and was most devoted to her family, putting forth every effort in her power to enhance the welfare and promote the happiness of her husband and children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Conrad were born three sons and a daughter. Simon, the eldest, resides upon the home farm, where our subject is now living. He wedded Mary Brown, who died in March, 1901, leaving two children: Murray and Orrin. Nelson, a resident of Clear Creek township, married Emma Good. Wilson, who also carries on agricultural pursuits in Clear Creek township, married Catherine Oberderfer, by whom he has had two children: Alberta and Ross. Frances E., the only daughter of the family, is the wife of Thomas Roberts, a farmer and brick-mason of Clear Creek township, and they have five children: Carl, James, Mamie, Lotta and Ralph.

Mr. Conrad, since the organization of the party, has been a staunch Republican, firmly believing in the principles of the platform. He belongs to the Presbyterian church of Amanda and is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic. For seventy-five years he has been a witness of the growth and development of the state and has been particularly interested in the progress of the county of his nativity. He was at one time connected for twenty-two months with the Soldiers' Home at Sandusky, Ohio, filling the position of turnkey and having charge



of the main dining room, but with the exception of this period he has always lived in Fairfield county and at present makes his home with his children in Clear Creek township, now residing with his eldest son, Simon. His memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He can remember when the greater part of the surface of this county was covered with a growth of wild timber,

he has seen it developed to its present high state of cultivation and has ever borne his part in transforming it into one of the richest farming districts in the state. His life has ever been an active and useful one and he has that true worth of character, which in every land and clime commands respect and confidence. Well does he deserve mention in this history, and with pleasure we present his record to our readers.

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### JOHN D. NOURSE, M. D.

An enumeration of the men of the present generation who have won honor and public recognition for themselves and at the same time have honored the state to which they belong would be incomplete were there a failure to make prominent reference to the one whose name initiates this review. He held distinctive precedence in medical circles and his prominence was known as the result of professional skill and of a character above reproach.

Dr. Nourse was born in Sharpsburg, Washington county, Maryland, on the 30th of November, 1827, his parents being Charles and Susan (Cameron) Nourse, who came to Fairfield county in 1841, settling in Rushville. The Doctor was then fourteen years of age. He soon afterward entered upon his business career as a salesman in the store of T. B. & Crawford Padden, dry goods merchants at Pleasantville. He

was there employed for about two years and at the age of sixteen began teaching, meeting with excellent success for one so young. In 1847 he went to the state of Alabama where he continued his educational work for two years and then entered upon the reading of medicine with a physician in that state, for he had become imbued with a strong desire to make its practice his life work. Accordingly in July, 1849, he entered the office of Dr. D. A. Fisher, of Baltimore, Ohio, with whom he continued his studies until 1851. During the winter months he attended medical lectures in the Cleveland Medical College and was graduated in that institution on the 26th of February, 1851.

Dr. Nourse then located in Baltimore, Ohio, where he opened an office and began practice, soon winning a liberal patronage as the public recognized his skill in coping



with the intricate problems that continually meet the physician. In 1859 he removed to Rushville, Ohio, and during the winter of 1862-3 attended medical lectures in the Jefferson College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, being graduated in that institution with high honors. He then removed to Reynoldsburg, Ohio, where he remained until 1877, the year of his arrival in Lancaster where he spent his remaining days, continuing an active practitioner of his profession in this city until his death. He kept in constant touch with the advanced thought and progress of the profession, and anything which tended to give to man the key to that mystery which we call life, elicited his warm interest. His professional duties made heavy demands upon his time, but he was never known to shirk a responsibility.

On the 1st of May, 1851, Dr. Nourse was united in marriage to Miss Catherine M. Berry, of New Salem, Ohio, and unto them were born two children. Darlington B., the elder, is engaged in the dry-goods business at Canton, Ohio, and has three children: Catherine, Darlington and Joseph. The younger son, John H., is a member of the dry goods firm of H. E. Becker & Company, of Lancaster, Ohio, and his children are Harry, Carl and Ralph. The mother of these children died, and on the 19th of September, 1895, the Doctor again married, the second union being with Miss Emma Guseman, of Lancaster, Ohio, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine M. (Pifer) Guseman. Her father died in 1883 at the age of eighty-three years. The marriage of her parents was celebrated October 10, 1824, and in 1832 they took up their abode on

West Mulberry street, in Lancaster, where they spent their remaining days. Mr. Guseman was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and at a very early date became a resident of this city. He was a blacksmith by trade and a very thorough and proficient workman. His life was upright and honorable and he was highly respected by all who knew him, as a Christian man. He was strictly temperate in his habits and was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 18, 1801, was a daughter of Jacob Pifer and in 1806 was brought to Fairfield county, her death occurring in Lancaster, August 5, 1900, when she was ninety-nine years of age. For more than ninety-three years she was a resident of this city and took a keen interest in its growth and progress as well as in its improvement. She too was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and her influence was ever on the side of the right, the true and the beautiful. By her marriage she became the mother of eleven children, of whom five are yet living, while three, Catherine, Philemon and Emma, are still in this city. Both Mr. and Mrs. Guseman were laid to rest in the Elmwood cemetery. The lady possessed a remarkable memory up to the time of her death, although she attained an extremely advanced age.

Dr. Nourse lived an honorable, upright life in consistent harmony with the highest principles of manhood. He, too, was an earnest and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, his connection therewith covering about fifty-four years during which time he held many offices in the church. For





a number of years he was a Sunday-school superintendent and was one of the most efficient and best qualified men that has ever filled the position. He was a worthy exemplar of Charity Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., in which he served as chaplain and was also a member of Hock-Hocking Encampment of this city. At various times he represented both of these posts in the grand lodge and main encampment of the state, and always served upon their most important committees. He was a member of the board of directors of the city of Lancaster and took an active and helpful interest in every measure that he believed would prove of public benefit. He was also appointed attending physician at the Children's Home and was acting in that capacity at the time of his death. He was likewise the resident trustee of the

beneficial association of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Ohio, filling that position for many years. At length death came, removing from Lancaster one of its most honored and valued citizens. His funeral was the largest ever held here, and the cortage that wended its way to the cemetery was headed by the Lancaster Mechanics' Band. Most of the members of Charity Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., of Hock-Hocking Encampment and of the Patriarchs Militant were present with a large concourse of citizens from all parts of the county. He was laid to rest in Forest Rose cemetery amid the deepest regret of all who knew him. His professional life brought him into contact with all classes of people and he was loved and respected by young and old, rich and poor.

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## DAVID MUSSER.

David Musser is the oldest resident of Rush Creek township and was born upon the farm where he yet resides, his birth having occurred in January, 1809. Through almost a century he has witnessed the advancement which has been reached as man has claimed the wild land for the use of himself and those to follow him. He has also witnessed the progress that has been secured along the various lines of progress; has seen the old stage coach replaced by the railroad, while the telephone and telegraph

have brought man into close communication with those living hundreds of miles away. Fairfield county has kept in touch with the progress and improvement and Mr. Musser has rejoiced in the advancement of this portion of the state. He is indeed an honored old settler and well does he deserve mention in the history of this locality.

His father, Theobold Musser, was a native of Germany, and with relatives came to this country when but a small boy, taking up his abode in Hagerstown, Maryland.



There he lived for about thirty years, and in 1801 came to Ohio, settling within its borders before the admission of the state into the Union. His father-in-law, Christian Binkly, had purchased three and one-half sections of land at the usual government price, and he gave three hundred and twenty acres to his daughter, Mrs. Musser. Upon that tract she and her husband took up their abode, it being now the home farm of David Musser. All was timberland, the trees growing in great density in places so that it was almost impossible for the sunlight to penetrate to the ground beneath. Theobald Musser built a log cabin in the woods and cleared much of his land, while his son David cleared the remainder. Later he purchased an additional tract of one hundred and sixty acres about one mile north of the home of his son David.

Theobald Musser was married in Maryland to Miss Christina Binkly, a native of that state. They became the parents of eleven children, five sons and six daughters, but David Musser is the only one now living. These were: Mary, Henry, Elizabeth, Jake, John, Catherine, Becky, Daniel, David, Sarah and Ann. In addition to the cultivation of his land Mr. Musser followed the miller's trade. He was a millwright, having become familiar with the business when a boy, and he erected a great many mills during his lifetime. Upon his land he built log buildings not only for the shelter of his family, but also for the protection of the grain and stock, and as time passed he became the owner of what was considered a very excellent farm at that day. Politically

he was identified with the Whig party and was a member of the Lutheran church.

David Musser acquired his early education in the district schools of the township. The temple of learning was a little log building and he continued his studies for about two months each year, for during the remainder of the season his labors were required upon the home farm. His education was considered complete when he was about sixteen or seventeen years of age, as far as attendance at school was concerned, and after that he gave his undivided attention to the work of the farm. The arduous task of clearing and developing the wild land is familiar to him, for out of his grandfather's rich purchase three farms were developed and improved. He has never been away from the county but twice during his entire life, and during the period of his active business career was continuously engaged in general farming and in the raising of cattle, sheep, hogs and horses.

In 1836 David Musser was united in marriage to Miss Frances Huff, a native of Pike county, Ohio, and they became the parents of ten children, namely: Caroline, Willard, Edward, Jesse, David, Laura and Ferdinand (twins), Jacob, Emma and Rebecca. Of this number five are yet living. Mr. Musser has given his political support to the Republican party since its organization, and prior to that time was identified with the Whig party. He has served as supervisor of his township and was also school director for a number of years. He is a member of the Reformed church and is an honored representative of one of the old-



est pioneer families in the state. He is to-day the oldest man in his township and one of the oldest in the county. His memory goes back to the time when people lived in little log buildings, containing but one or two rooms, with overhead a loft in which the children were put to sleep. The structure was heated by an immense fireplace, and the cooking was done over a bed of coals there. Furniture was primitive and farm implements were crude, but hospitality

reigned supreme in those days, the latch string always being out. The days were days of toil, but there were social gatherings and pleasures such as are unknown at the present time. In the work of his farm Mr. Musser employs all the modern equipments and accessories, and as the years have passed he gained a comfortable competence so that in the evening of life he has been enabled to enjoy a well earned and well merited rest.

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### JESSE MUSSER.

Jesse Musser, the subject of this review, needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for the Musser family is one widely known in this portion of the state. Our subject was born upon the old home farm in 1844, his birthplace being a typical log cabin such as was so frequently seen upon the frontier. His education was acquired in a school house of similar character. The children, seated on slab benches, conned their lessons from the little text books then in vogue. In the work of the fields he bore his share, and when he had completed his school life he went immediately to the war, enlisting in Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, at Bremen, under Captain Leslie. He then proceeded to Zanesville, Ohio, and thence to Harper's Ferry in the year 1864. He participated in the battle of Manassas Junction, but was on picket duty during the greater

part of the time, and on the expiration of his three months' term of service was honorably discharged, in August, 1864. He was really exempt from military service because of his youth, having not yet attained his majority, but his loyal and patriotic spirit prompted his enlistment as a defender of the Union.

After his return from the war Jesse Musser entered the employ of his uncle, in Indianapolis. He desired, however, to enlist again, and made his way to Columbus for that purpose, but on reaching that city he learned that General Lee had surrendered and that the war was practically ended. During the summer he continued to reside in Fairfield county, and then returned to Indianapolis, where he remained for four years. On the expiration of that period he once more took up his abode upon the farm where he has since resided and is now ac-



counted one of the practical, progressive and enterprising agriculturists of this part of the state.

In 1897 Mr. Musser was united in marriage to Miss Ota Cuplin, a native of Fairfield county, born about two miles north of Rushville, and they now have one child,

George C. In his political views Mr. Musser is a Republican, unfaltering in his allegiance to the party. He is a member of the Reformed church and his wife of the Methodist Protestant church, and he is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic.

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### WILLIAM HEGE.

Every civilized country on the face of the globe has sent its representatives to America to aid in formulating the citizenship of the new world, but the United States claims no more loyal, patriotic and valued sons than those who came from Switzerland. The Hege family, of whom our subject is a representative, had its origin in Switzerland and some of the sterling traits of character of that race are manifest in the life of him whose name introduces this review. The first of the name to come to America was Hans Hege, who arrived September 27, 1727, landing at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He settled in Germantown, where the family resided for a time and then located in Lancaster county, and since that time their descendants have been active factors in promoting public progress and improvement in every locality in which they have resided.

William Hege, now a resident of Fairfield county, was born in Amanda township on the 25th of September, 1843, his parents being Peter and Mary (Updegraff) Hege.

The father was a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Chambersburg, Franklin county, September 11, 1801, whence he came to Ohio in the year 1825, being about twenty-four years of age. He settled in Amanda township, where he purchased a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, and built thereon a hewed log house, which was erected in 1826 and is still standing, a mute reminder of pioneer days and indicates, by contrast, the progress and improvement made in this fair commonwealth. It is still used as a dwelling by some of his children. The land was all covered with timber when it came into the possession of the father of our subject, but with characteristic energy he began clearing and cultivating it and made a good home for himself and family. Thereon he resided until his death, which occurred in 1885, when he was eighty-four years of age. For a number of years he had held the office of township trustee and was often called upon to fill other positions of public trust, to which he





was most faithful, fully meeting every obligation that devolved upon him with faithful exactitude. His political support was given the Democracy until 1856, when he joined the ranks of the Republican party formed to prevent the further extension of slavery. He took a deep interest in politics and was unwavering in his allegiance to the cause which he espoused, but did not care for office. He was ever a public-spirited man and an advocate of all that tended to improve the county along material, social, intellectual and moral lines. A gentleman of good education he kept well informed, not only on political questions but upon the current events of the day, and his opinions carried weight and influence. He held membership with the Evangelical Association for a long period, although in his younger days he was a member of the Lutheran church. In his business affairs he met with a fair degree of success and was held in the highest esteem by his fellow men because of his genuine worth and his fidelity to manly principles. His wife survived him until 1899, passing away at the extreme old age of ninety-six years. She too was a member of the Evangelical Association and lived an earnest Christian life, which had marked influence in molding the destinies of her children.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hege were born eleven children: Samuel is a bridge builder of Columbus, Indiana; Louisa is the widow of Washington Burgett, and now resides in Indianapolis; Catherine is the widow of John Middlesworth, who was a prominent farmer and cattle raiser of Shelby county, Illinois; Mary is the wife of Jeediah Allen, of Shelby county, Illinois; Belinda is the

widow of James McBride; Levi is a civil engineer and resides in Columbus, Indiana; Enos was a contractor and carpenter of Indianapolis, but is now deceased; Christian resides on the old home place; William is next in order of birth; David died in infancy; and Martha Jane completes the family.

At the usual age William Hege entered the common schools near his home and mastered the branches of English learning usually taught in such institutions. He acquired a fair education, fitting him for life's practical and responsible duties. Through the months of summer he assisted his father in the work of the fields, being thus employed until eighteen years of age, when in December, 1861, roused by a spirit of patriotism, he offered his services to the government, enlisting as a member of Company E, Seventy-third Ohio Infantry. He remained as one of the loyal defenders of the Union upon the southern battle-fields until July, 1865, when, hostilities having ceased, he was mustered out at Camp Dennison, Ohio and received an honorable discharge. He participated in many important engagements, including the second battle of Bull Run and Chancellorsville and was on the march with Pope when the regiment was under fire continuously for seventeen days. He also took part in the memorable battle of Gettysburg and in September, the same year, was transferred to Chattanooga, Tennessee, taking part in the engagement of Missionary Ridge after being sent to that section of the country. He was also with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea, which proved that the strength of the Con-



federacy was almost exhausted. Whether on the picket line or in the midst of battle, he was ever faithful to his duty, was reliable and loyal.

When the war was ended Mr. Hege returned to his home, but he only remained for a few days, going thence to Columbus, Indiana, where he resided for two and one-half years, during which time he engaged in carpentering. He then returned to Ohio and has never since wandered from the home county, but has remained a valued and active citizen, deeply interested in the welfare and progress of the same. He now owns and operates eighty acres of land, and is also engaged to some extent in the raising of stock. His business interests are carefully conducted and his farm is the visible evidence of his life of enterprise and diligence.

On the 20th of September, 1875, Mr. Hege was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Kiger, a daughter of William and Mar-

garet Kiger, and a sister of George Kiger. Her father was one of the early settlers of this county. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hege has been blessed with one child, Annabel, who is still with her parents. Mr. Hege votes with the Republican party and has firm faith in its principles. Socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with Parsons Post, G. A. R., of Nebraska, Pickaway county, Ohio, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Evangelical church. He has held office as justice of the peace for three years, and his life has ever been such as to commend him to the esteem and regard of all with whom he has been associated. His loyalty upon the southern battlefields was but an index of his character, which has ever been above reproach, his life furnishing an example that is well worthy of emulation by all who desire to achieve success.

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### HON. JOHN G. BRESLIN.

No compendium such as the province of this work defines in its essential limitations will serve to offer fit memorial to the life and accomplishments of the honored subject of this sketch—a man remarkable in the breadth of his wisdom, in his indomitable perseverance, his strong individuality, and yet one whose entire life has not one esoteric phase, being an open scroll, inviting the closest

scrutiny. True, his have been “massive deeds and great” in one sense, and yet his entire life accomplishment but represented the result of the fit utilization of the innate talent which was his, and the directing of his efforts in those lines where mature judgment and rare discrimination led the way. There was in him a weight of character, a native sagacity, a far-seeing judg-





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ment and a fidelity of purpose that commanded respect of all. A man of indefatigable enterprise and fertility of resource, he has carved his name deeply on the record of the political, commercial and professional history of the state, which owes much of its advancement to his efforts. Mr. Breslin was the youngest man who ever presided as speaker over the house of representatives of Ohio. Again and again his efforts aided in promoting public policy and in establishing the career of his grand old commonwealth. He was the friend and associate of many of the distinguished men of Ohio who gained national fame, and his life record forms an important chapter in the annals of his state.

Mr. Breslin was a native of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, his birth having there occurred about 1824. His father, Hugh Breslin, was a contractor and engaged in the construction of public works in the city of Washington, D. C. Both the parents of our subject died when he was only about three years of age and he was adopted by a family of the name of McKissen. While yet a small boy that family removed to Ohio, locating near Dayton, and there Mr. Breslin remained until he was about twelve years of age, when, feeling that he should provide for his own support he tied up a few of his effects in a big handkerchief and with his bundle started for Columbus, Ohio. There was a similarity in the history of this period of his life to that of Benjamin Franklin. Like the great statesman of the colonial period he too exercised a widely felt influence in public affairs. On reaching Columbus he presented himself to Colonel Samuel Medary, who was editor of the States-

man, a pronounced Democratic paper of the capital city, Colonel Medary having been at one time governor of Minnesota. The Colonel was very much pleased with the appearance of the boy and gave him a position as an apprentice in the printing office. Mr. Breslin closely applied himself to the task of mastering the business in every department and detail, and while his days were devoted to work his evenings were largely given to study. For six years he remained in the office. When he was eighteen years of age Colonel Medary received a letter from some of the leading citizens of Tiffin, Ohio, asking him if he knew of a man suitable to become the editor of a Democratic newspaper in that city, and Colonel Medary recommended John Breslin for the position. Accordingly he took the stage from Columbus for that place and on the 6th of May, 1842, published the first number of the Seneca Advertiser, a paper which advocated the Jacksonian Democratic principles and is still in existence, having celebrated its sixtieth anniversary May 6, 1902. In its columns we find a quotation from the editorial Mr. Breslin wrote, and which appeared in its first issue. He said, "We will endeavor to maintain a courteous but decided opinion in regard to principles we intend to promulgate," and much more along the same line, showing that even in his youth that idea of right was strongly intrenched. Mr. Breslin remained its editor from 1842 until 1854 and was not long in becoming a recognized factor in public affairs in that part of the state. Well fitted for leadership in public thought and action, he studied closely the questions and issues of the day, not only





along political lines but concerning every department of life affecting the weal and welfare of the state and nation. In 1848 he was elected to represent Seneca county in the Ohio legislature and served so capably that he was re-elected. That he was one of the most popular and able members of the house is shown by the fact that he was chosen its speaker. It was an honor which has seldom been conferred in the entire history of the nation, for he was only twenty-five years of age when chosen for that important position. He showed a comprehensive knowledge of parliamentary law, and was strictly impartial and fair in his rulings, never allowing personal bias or opinions in any way to influence his actions or judgment as the ruling member of the assembly. In 1854 he was elected state treasurer of Ohio for one term and his fidelity to duty in his new position won for him additional laurels.

It was while holding the position of state treasurer that Hon. John G. Breslin was united in marriage to Anna C. Borland, a daughter of Charles and Cynthia (Hart) Borland. Her father was born in Harrisonburg, Rockingham county, Virginia, May 16, 1808, and in 1816 accompanied his parents to Franklin county, Ohio, where he attended school. He learned the printer's trade under the direction of Colonel Olmstead, of Columbus, and followed that business continuously in the capital city until 1839, when he became the editor of the Richland Whig, at Mansfield, Ohio. While thus engaged in journalistic work he began the reading of law and later was admitted to the bar, whereupon he became an active practitioner. He won distinction owing to

his strong mentality, his inductive mind, his logical reasoning and forceful argument. He possessed rare gifts of oratory and was widely known as a most forceful, entertaining and effective speaker. He won many celebrated cases and his devotion to his clients' interests was proverbial. He was a man of marked literary tastes and scholarly attainments and his broad knowledge added to his oratorical ability enabled him to hold an audience spell-bound for hours and he probably never addressed any public gathering when many expressions of regret were not heard because he had concluded his remarks. During the campaign he was a most convincing, eloquent and entertaining speaker, and his strong reasoning, his wit and his logic carried conviction to the minds of many of his hearers. For some years he practiced law at the Lancaster bar, but spent his last years in retirement, his death occurring on the 13th of January, 1892, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Breslin, who was then living on High street. In his family were five children who are still living, the second daughter, Sarah, making her home with her sister, Mrs. Breslin. The others are Mrs. Nevin, of Dayton, Ohio; C. W., who is a civil engineer residing in Columbus; and W. S., a merchant of Cincinnati. He held the position of Indian agent under President Taylor, filling the position with marked distinction.

Mrs. Breslin pursued her education in the private schools of Lancaster and at St. Mary's Convent, at Somerset, Ohio, and while visiting in Columbus she formed the acquaintance of Mr. Breslin, who sought her hand in marriage. In 1871 they re-



moved to Huntington, West Virginia, where Mr. Breslin accepted the position of general ticket agent for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company, serving in that capacity until his death, and after locating there he was always known by the title of General Breslin. He was prominently connected with several other railroad corporations and important enterprises, and was equally successful in business life as in political circles. For a year and a half he resided in Lancaster, and after his death his widow again took up her abode in the state of her nativity. Mr. Breslin was called to his final rest February 22, 1889, and his remains were interred in Tiffin, Ohio. A train on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway was trimmed in crepe and a special car carried his remains to Tiffin, where the funeral services were in charge of the Masonic fraternity, with which he had been connected. He was a friend of the poor and needy; a man of broad, humanitarian principles and of keen outlook into life, its possibilities, its duties and its obligations. That he was a man of high character, superior worth and

marked capability is shown by the fact that he was an intimate friend of Chief Justice Chase, Chief Justice Waite, Ex-President Hayes, Hon. Thomas Corwin, Hon. Thomas Ewing, Senator Sherman and other celebrated men of Ohio, who have won national fame. In his private life he was distinguished by all that marks the true gentleman. His was a noble character: one that subordinated personal ambition to public good and sought rather the benefit of others than the aggrandizement of self. Endowed by nature with high intellectual qualities, to which were added the discipline and embellishments of culture, his was a most attractive personality. In his life-time the people of his state, recognizing his merit, rejoiced in his advancement and in the honors to which he attained and since his death they have cherished his memory.

Mrs. Breslin is now making her home in Lancaster, and occupies a beautiful residence at No. 126 East Chestnut street. She is most highly esteemed by a large circle of friends, many of whom have known her from her childhood days.

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### HOWARD A. BROWN, M. D.

Dr. Howard A. Brown has for twenty-seven years engaged in the practice of medicine in Carroll and throughout this period has enjoyed the confidence and good will of the public and has received a liberal patron-

age in the line of his chosen vocation. He was born March 15, 1854, in Sugar Grove, Fairfield county, a son of Dr. Robert H. and Lucinda (Armstrong) Brown. The father was also a native of this state, having



been born in Perry county, and was a physician. In 1847 and 1848 he attended lectures at what is now the Starling Medical College of Columbus but at that time was called the Willoughby Medical College. For many years he engaged in practice at Sugar Grove with excellent success and there died in November, 1860; at the age of forty years, leaving a widow and four children. Emma J., the eldest, is the wife of James H. Foster, a veteran of the Civil war, who now resides in Sugar Grove. Robert F., a farmer, served as auditor of Fairfield county and is now filling the position of deputy auditor. Prudence A. is the wife of H. M. Jackson of Lancaster. The fourth member of the family is the Doctor, whose name introduces this review. The mother of these children was a daughter of John and Prudence (Sweeny) Armstrong, the former a native of Pennsylvania and a son of John Armstrong, who came to this country from England in colonial days. The Armstrong family trace their ancestry back to the early wars of England, at which time the name was Fairchild, and according to tradition it was changed in the following manner. During a battle the King became unhorsed and a Fairchild lifted him up and seated him on his own horse, for which service the King changed the name to Armstrong. Little is known of John Armstrong, the progenitor of the family in America, save that he settled in Pennsylvania. His son, John, Jr., was one of the "forty-niners" who went to California during the gold excitement in that state. He made his home in Roseville, Muskingum county, Ohio, where he engaged in the pottery business, and there died. It

was in that county that his daughter Mrs. Brown, was born. After the death of her first husband she became the wife of Jesse Stukey, a resident farmer of Sugar Grove, and unto them was born one son, John J. Stukey, who is engaged in the practice of dentistry in Lancaster.

At the usual age Dr. Brown, of this review, began his education in the district schools and after acquiring a good knowledge of the literary branches of learning he began preparation for the profession which he wished to make his life work by entering the office of Dr. D. N. Kinsman, of Columbus, with whom he studied one year. He then entered the Starling Medical College, where he completed a regular course and was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1875. During this period he remained in the office of Dr. Kinsman. For a few months he engaged in practice at his old home and then came to Carroll, where he has successfully followed his profession for twenty-seven years. He was not long in demonstrating his ability to successfully cope with disease and from the beginning he has enjoyed a good practice, his skill and ability ranking him among the foremost members of the profession in this county. He not only has a liberal patronage in Carroll but is frequently called to distant places throughout the state in consultaion over critical cases.

On the 16th of December, 1875, Dr. Brown was united in marriage to Emma E., daughter of Ephraim Ackers, who was elected to the position of auditor of Fairfield county but died before the expiration of his term of office. Unto the Doctor and his



wife have been born two sons but Robert H. died at the age of eight years. Archie Ackers Brown, born December 31, 1877, is now being carefully educated and it is hoped that he will eventually be the third Dr. Brown of Fairfield county.

Our subject has spent his entire life in this county and wherever he is known is liked and is held in the highest regard. Where he is best known as a physician he sustains an enviable reputation not only because of his comprehensive knowledge but

of his close adherence to the strict professional ethics. His fellow townsmen entertain for him warm esteem and the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances. The Doctor is examiner for the following life insurance companies: Mutual Life of New York; Pennsylvania Mutual; John Hancock; Fidelity; Union Central and Modern Woodmen. He was also representative to the grand lodges of Masons and Knights of Pythias of Ohio.

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### ROBINSON P. WHILEY.

Robinson P. Whiley is engaged in farming and stock raising in Fairfield county, his home being in Lancaster. He was born in this city on the 18th of May, 1870, his parents being Thomas B. and Sarah Jane (Peters) Whiley. His father was a native of Lincolnshire, England, born in 1832, and on emigrating to the United States he engaged in merchandising in Greenfield, Ohio. In July, 1860, he removed to Lancaster, where with his brother Samuel Whiley he opened a hardware store. The firm of Whiley Brothers continued in operation for a number of years but at length the business was sold and the brothers, Thomas B., Samuel, and Fred C. Whiley organized the Eagle Machine Company in 1870, the last named becoming president, while Samuel was secretary. The new enterprise was

prosperous from the beginning and the efforts of the father of our subject contributed not a little to its result. He continued his connection with the company until his death, which occurred in 1884. He was a practical business man, an excellent financier and his well directed efforts were crowned with a high measure of success which he justly merited. His name was synonymous with integrity and he was respected for his strong force of character and genuine worth. He had a host of warm friends which was continually augmented as the circle of his acquaintance was extended. Thomas B. Whiley was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Peters of Fairfield county. The lady possessed many womanly qualities. Her father, Robinson J. Peters, born in Maryland in 1797, was





an early settler in Fairfield county and a much respected citizen. He married Miss Elizabeth Gallagher in 1823. and among their children was Mrs. Whiley, who still survives her husband and is living at the old home place. The residence is a substantial brick structure on the Rosebank addition in the western part of Lancaster and there amid many friends, Mrs. Whiley is spending the evening of life. She was born on a farm in Amanda township, Fairfield county, pursued her education in Granville College, Granville, Ohio, and in early life engaged in teaching for a number of years. On the 23rd of February, 1869, she became the wife of Thomas B. Whiley, and is the mother of two sons: Thomas B. and Robinson P.

The latter began his education in the public schools of Lancaster and afterward was graduated from the high schools. He was reared upon the home farm, where he was born and early trained to habits of industry. He was only fourteen years of age at the time of his father's death but he at once began the work of managing the farm comprising sixty acres of choice land, be-

ing assisted by his mother and brother and attending school in the meantime.

He still has charge of the home property, a part of which is within the corporate limits of Lancaster. They own another farm of one hundred acres which is pleasantly located a mile west of Lancaster. They are engaged in feeding hogs and cattle for export. Their places are supplied with substantial barns and sheds, feed lots, racks and all necessary equipments for carrying on the business.

Robinson P. Whiley was married in 1896 to Miss Anna D. Embich of Lancaster, a daughter of William C. Embich, one of the old and most highly respected citizens who was for a number of years during the early part of his life a leading shoe merchant of this place. The young couple enjoy the warm regard of many friends and the hospitality of a large number of Lancaster's best homes is extended to them. Mr. Whiley is a progressive, wide-awake young business man and in his farming and and stock feeding enterprises is meeting with creditable and well merited success.

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## ZACHARY T. STURGEON.

This portion of Ohio is famous for the fine stock raised upon its farms and one of the well known dealers and breeders of fine horses is Zachary Taylor Sturgeon, of Lancaster, whose business has been a profitable one and whose sales have been extensive.

He was born in this county in December, 1848, and represents one of the oldest and most honored pioneer families in this portion of the state, his father, Thomas Sturgeon, having been born in the village of Lancaster on the 17th of October, 1808. The



grandfather was Timothy Sturgeon, who was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, born about 1780. He spent the years of his childhood and youth in the state of his nativity, and in 1803 emigrated westward with his family, taking up his abode in a little Ohio village, which has since become the prosperous and thriving county seat of Fairfield county. Pioneer conditions surrounded him. A greater part of the land was still in possession of the government and was covered with tall forest trees. He aided in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present prosperity and development of the county, and the work which he began has since been carried on by those who bear his name.

Amid the wild scenes of the frontier Thomas Sturgeon was reared and many business interests claimed his attention. At different times he was engaged in merchandising, in farming and in buying and selling stock and twice took a drove of horses over the plains to California in 1856. He also took a large number of men through to the gold fields of California. He was twice married, his first union being with Margaret Ewing, of Lancaster, and a daughter of David Ewing. By this marriage there were two children: Maria, the wife of Henry Weakly, of Lancaster; and Ellen, who became Mrs. Doty and died in Atlanta, Georgia, in February, 1882. After the death of his first wife Mr. Sturgeon was again married, in 1845, his second union being with Miss Matilda Peebles, of Lancaster, who was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in April, 1825, and is a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Kennedy) Peebles. She

was in her eleventh year when she came to Lancaster with her mother, who died here in 1856. Unto Thomas and Matilda Sturgeon were born nine children, but Charlie, the eldest, died on the 17th of May, 1874. The others are Zachary T., of this review; Margaret J., the wife of C. J. McCleary; Thomas, of Columbus; Lilla, who has been twice married and is now the widow of Dr. Hare; Martha Mary, who is the wife of Frank Smith, of Taylor, Texas; Samuel, a farmer living in Lancaster; Rose, the wife of Rudolph Rising, a prominent clothing merchant of Lancaster; and Maude, the wife of Edward H. Hall, who is a traveling salesman. Mrs. Sturgeon, her daughter, Mrs. Hare and her son, Zachary T., of this review, occupy the old family residence, which is a large substantial one, built in 1856. It is in a good state of preservation and is surrounded by a beautiful and well kept lawn. Mrs. Sturgeon is still a well preserved woman in possession of all her faculties, and enjoys the high regard of her many friends.

In the public schools of Lancaster Z. T. Sturgeon pursued his primary education, after which he went to Poughkeepsie, New York, where he took a course at Eastman Commercial College. After returning to Lancaster he was connected with mercantile interests for sixteen years. Later he devoted his time and attention to storing ice, which he retailed through summer months, being thus engaged until 1896, when he turned his attention to farming and to breeding and selling fine horses. He makes a specialty of trotters, which he develops for speed, and has been the owner of some of



the finest horses in Fairfield county, having sold one, Walter Smith, for the sum of fourteen hundred dollars. He also owns a half-brother of this horse, which is of the George Wilkes strain. Recently he has erected a fine horse barn on the modern plan. He has some fine stock, including some high

bred stallions. Mr. Sturgeon takes great pride in not only producing fine horses, but in developing speed, and can be seen driving behind some splendid specimens of the noble steed. He is regarded as a most excellent judge of horses and this is an important element in his success.

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### JOHN FRICKER.

John Fricker, whose life span has covered eighty years, is one of the native sons of Fairfield county, his memory forming a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He has watched with unabated interest the progress and development of the county as it has emerged from pioneer conditions, taking on all the improvements and accessories of civilization as manifest in industrial, commercial and professional interests. He has been a worthy representative of agricultural pursuits and is now entitled to a well earned rest.

Mr. Fricker was born in the township of Berne, March 24, 1822, and is a son of John and Margaret (Neibing) Fricker. His father was a native of Switzerland and crossed the Atlantic to the United States early in the nineteenth century. He made his way at once to Ohio, locating in Fairfield county where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1841, when he was nearly sixty-five years of age. He lived

a very industrious and energetic life, and became a prosperous and well-to-do man. In all of his dealings he was upright and honorable and he left to his family an untarnished name as well as the material reward of his labors. Throughout his entire life he carried on general farming. He held membership in the Reformed church, and its principles permeated his actions. His wife was a native of Bavaria. They were married in Fairfield county. Mrs. Fricker died in 1851, at the age of sixty-three years. Of three children, the subject of this review is the only one now living.

More than sixty years have passed since John Fricker located upon the farm, which is yet his home to make it his permanent abode. He resided in Berne township until he was eight years of age, when his parents removed to Hocking township, settling upon the farm which is now his property. In the common schools of this locality he acquired his education, pursuing his studies through the winter months, while in the



summer season he aided in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting. He also engaged in teaching school in Hocking township in early life, and is a man of more than average intelligence and education. By reading, experience and observation he has kept well informed on all questions of general interest of the day and is able to support his political views by intelligent argument. He voted with the Democracy until 1860, when he joined the ranks of the Republican party and has since been a stalwart advocate of its principles. He has held the offices of school director and township trustee, discharging the duties of both offices with promptness and fidelity, yet he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking.

The year 1843 witnessed the marriage of Mr. Fricker and Miss Isabelle Feiste, who was born in Baden, Germany, and when quite young came to the United States. Her death occurred May 9, 1879, when she was in her fifty-seventh year, at the home residence in Hocking township, and many friends mourned her loss, for she possessed excellent qualities of heart and mind that

endeared her to all who knew her. By her marriage she had become the mother of eleven children, of whom three are yet living. John S., who is a blacksmith and resides in Pleasantville, Fairfield county, married a Miss Bowen and has eight children. Mary is the wife of Christ Kinsler, a resident farmer of Hocking township, and they have seven children. Elizabeth is the wife of Jacob T. Darling, who is living on a portion of the old home farm. They have four children, two sons and two daughters.

Mr. Fricker belongs to the German Lutheran church and his life has ever been passed in consistent harmony with its teachings and principles. His has indeed been an honorable career in which he has fully met all the obligations of life and the duties devolving upon him. In business he is straightforward and reliable, in citizenship loyal, and at all times he has been a faithful friend and devoted husband and father. His years rest lightly upon him and his friendship is enjoyed by young and old, rich and poor, while throughout the community he is held in the highest esteem by all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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### JOHN W. REYNOLDS.

John W. Reynolds, one of the early settlers and highly respected citizens of Fairfield county, now resides in Hocking township. His birth occurred in Madison township near Clearport on the 19th of October,

1835. He is a son of William and Mary Ann (Hedges) Reynolds, and the family is an old and prominent one in this portion of the state. His father was born in Madison township and was a son of Richard Rey-





nolds, whose birth occurred in the state of Delaware. At a very early epoch in the history of the state of Ohio, however, he emigrated westward and took up his abode in this county. He died in early manhood, when his children were quite small. William Reynolds, the father of our subject, was a witness of much of the improvement and development of this portion of the state. He visited Lancaster before there was a railroad there or even a pike had been completed in the county. Farming was his chief occupation through life, and he followed that pursuit in Fairfield county for a number of years and subsequently removed to Hocking township, where he made his home until his death. There he also devoted his energies to the tilling of the soil, and his labors resulted in securing large crops. He died in 1863 on the fifty-first anniversary of his birth. His political support was given to the Whig party in his early life, and on its dissolution he joined the ranks of the new Republican party, which he always endorsed by his ballot, but he never sought political office as a result for public fealty. His Christian faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist church, and he took an active part in its work, earnestly striving to promote the cause of the denomination. His wife was born in Fairfield county and was a daughter of Caleb and Elizabeth Hedges. Her father was one of the old and honored settlers in Fairfield county, and lived and died upon the family homestead. Mrs. Mary Ann Reynolds still survives her husband, and is now residing with one of her sons in Delaware county, Ohio, at the

age of eighty-seven years. She has long been a devout member of the Methodist church and is beloved by all who know her for her many excellent qualities of heart and mind. By her marriage she became the mother of twelve children, six of whom are yet living.

John W. Reynolds, the eldest of the family, remained in the place of his nativity until about thirteen years of age, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Hocking county, remaining with them until he had attained the age of twenty-two. Three years later he was married, and he was twenty-eight years of age when, in response to the country's call for aid to suppress the rebellion, he enlisted May 4, 1864, in Company I, One Hundred Fifty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until August 28, 1864. He was then discharged at Camp Chase, Columbus, and was appointed provost marshal, filling that position until the close of the war. When hostilities had ceased he was relieved from his position through act of Congress just after the surrender of General Lee. During the greater part of his services with the army he was in Washington, being there stationed at the time Early made his raid into the north. At one time he went to arrest a party of deserters. They resisted, and in the fight which followed Mr. Reynolds had his shoulder dislocated, the bones of his right wrist broken and his skull mashed. The attending physician said he might live a month, but not longer. Owing to his wonderful constitution he rapidly recovered, but to this day he suffers from the effects of the fight.



Prior to his enlistment in the regular army, Mr. Reynolds was a member of the State Militia and after the outbreak of war he was appointed enrolling officer, but just as the appointment came he enlisted and never served, but held the office just the same, as another man served in his place while he was acting as marshal. After his final discharge he returned to Fairfield county and has since been identified with its agricultural interests. Some time after he also erected the mill which he has since conducted. It is a water power mill, operated by the head waters of the Hocking river, the supply coming from springs in its immediate vicinity. Mr. Reynolds is well known in connection with agricultural and intellectual interests, and in business circles. He sustains an unassailable reputation, for his actions have ever been guided by the strictest business ethics. Before and after the war Mr. Reynolds traveled all over Ohio, engaged in installing mill machinery and repairing steam engines, as he is one of the most skilled mechanics in the state, but in recent years, owing to his poor eyesight, he has remained at home.

In 1859 Mr. Reynolds led to the marriage altar Miss Maria E. Baird, who was born in Hocking county, Ohio, and died about twenty-six years ago. She was the mother of nine children, all daughters: Sarah E. became the wife of Salem B. Pierce, a farmer of Ringgold, Ohio, by whom she has three children, Burley, Ray and Dorcas. Mary Dorcas died at the age of thirteen years. Elizabeth is the wife of Richard Hayden, of Richwood, Union coun-

ty, Ohio, where he is following farming. They also have three children, William, Pearl and Richard. Catherine is the wife of Peter Moyer, a resident farmer of Marion county, Ohio, and unto them have been born three children: Bessie, Floyd and Zelda. Electa is at home. Zelda is living in Columbus. Minnie is the wife of James Love. Cora married Jasper Creighton, of Lancaster. Alice is the wife of Samuel Pugh, of South Perry, Hocking county, Ohio. One child of this family died in infancy.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Reynolds was again married, his second wife being Miss Nancy Windland, who was born in Monroe county, Ohio, and passed away about thirteen years ago. She was a devoted and faithful member of the Christian church and her loss was mourned not only by her immediate family but by many friends. She was the mother of seven children: Thomas is a blacksmith, engaged in business in Lancaster, Ohio. He married Meda Howard and has one child. Elmer, whose home is in Buena Vista, Hocking county, is married and has one child. George Elwood, a twin of Elmer, is at home. He was a soldier in the Spanish-American war, being a member of Company I, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Miriam Vaughan, Marietta and Frank are still under the parental roof, and an infant died unnamed.

Mr. Reynolds has figured in public affairs, having served as constable of Hocking township for some years. He votes with the Republican party and keeps well informed on the issues of the day, so that he is enabled to support his position by intel-



ligent argument. He was formerly a member of the Methodist church, but is now unidentified with any religious denomination. In matters of citizenship he is always loyal to what he believes is upright and hesitates not in his support of any measure which he thinks will promote the weal of

county, state or nation. Wherever known he is highly commended and respected for his genuine worth. He is a man of pleasing disposition, courteous deportment and genial temperament and his circle of friends is almost co-extensive with his circle of acquaintances.

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### GEORGE MATT.

The Teutonic race has ever been one of progress and its representatives have steadily followed the star of empire westward. It has been an important factor in the colonization of America and in the labor which has wrought to the general good along industrial and commercial lines. The representative of this mighty division of the world's people is George Matt, whose name is so closely associated with the varied business interests of Lancaster that no history of the city would be complete with extended mention of his life record. No other man has contributed in a greater degree to the general prosperity that has been secured through the establishment and successful control of important business concerns.

Mr. Matt was born in Ravensburg in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, November 6, 1842, and is a son of John and Maria (Leser) Matt, the latter a daughter of Joseph and Anna Leser, who were residents of the same city. In his native land he attended the public schools between the

years 1848 and 1854, and in September of the latter year he accompanied his parents on their voyage across the broad Atlantic, the family taking up their abode in Lancaster, Ohio. For a limited period he attended the parochial school of St. Mary's church and afterward was a student in the private school taught by Professor Roscoe in Lancaster and also one taught by Professor Martin Hill, in the room now known as the Mitoff Parlor, then in the Swan Hotel. Eighteen months covered his entire English school, but his knowledge has been greatly broadened through experience, observation and reading.

To give in detail a history of his business life would be to relate the story of the industrial and commercial development of Lancaster, but it affords the historian pleasure to mention the many business enterprises which owe their development and success to him. It is true that the days have not always been bright, that he has witnessed the approach of clouds threatening disas-





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trous storms, but his rich inheritance of pluck and energy have enabled him to turn defeat into success. His principal business interest at the present time is that of fire insurance, for he is in control of the leading agency of Lancaster, a position which has been maintained by him through many years. He has placed more premiums on the tax duplicate than all agencies put together and he represents the leading American and English companies. He is president of the Lancaster Gas Light & Coke Company. In 1887 he became interested in the artificial gas plant in this city, in which he invested considerable money. Six months later natural gas was discovered, making this venture disastrous from a financial standpoint, though the company is still doing business in a modest way, awaiting for better results when the inevitable exhaustion of the natural gas supply shall come. In 1883 he became a member of the Lancaster City Hall & Opera House Company, now known as the Hotel Martin. This was a financial failure, although money was lost to none except the stockholders, who met all obligations to the cent. The institution is now prospering and has become an important factor in Lancaster business circles. Mr. Matt is likewise president of the Lancaster Electric Light Company. He was formerly vice-president of the Old German Building Association and at the death of Philip Nester succeeded to the presidency. He was president of the Mount Pleasant Savings & Building Company from the time of its organization until the business was closed, each shareholder being paid in full. Of the Citizens' Loan & Building Company he was the chief ex-

ecutive from its organization until it closed its business, in which also all shareholders were fully paid. On the organization of the Perpetual Savings & Building Company he became its president and as such continued to manage its affairs until August, 1901, when he resigned his office, leaving the company in a most flourishing condition. He assisted in forming the New Plan Savings & Loan Company, of which he is a director. His keen insight into business transactions, the rapidity with which he takes cognizance of a situation and brings therefrom the best results and his marked ability in utilizing seeming obstacles to serve his purpose, have led to the prosperous conduct of many important institutions.

On the 6th of April, 1863, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Matt and Miss Helena Hite, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Buechler) Hite, of Lancaster. Their union has been blessed with six children: Frank, who is in the insurance business; George L., who is a graduate of the electrical engineering department of Armour Institute in Chicago, Illinois; Edward, a twin brother of George L., who attended St. Mary's Institute at Dayton, Ohio, and is now secretary and general manager of the Lancaster Gas & Electric Light Company, while previous to the assumption of the duties of this office he was superintendent of the Paducah Gas Light Company, of Paducah, Kentucky; Harry B., who represents the farm department of the Home Insurance Company and acts as his father's stenographer; and John and Helen, who are attending school.

Mr. Matt is a man of recognized ability, is public-spirited and progressive, and



stands high in both business and social circles. He takes a commendable interest in promoting the welfare of his city, encouraging and financially aiding all enterprises tending to benefit the public, and enjoys in a high degree the confidence and esteem of his fellow men. In politics Mr. Matt has always been a supporter of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and was elected trustee of the city water works, for six years the same being owned by the city, and was the secretary three years of the time. For six years he was a member of the board of health of Lancaster and during a portion of that time acted as its secretary. He is a member of the Board of Trade and is its treasurer. In all public offices he has discharged his duties in such a prompt and capable manner that his course has won high encomiums from the people. For the past twenty-five years he has been

a member of the board of trustees of St. Mary's Catholic church and its secretary. He has been and now is an honorary member of the Young Men's Institute, a Catholic organization. Social, intellectual, material and moral interests have received from him substantial support and co-operation, while his business affairs have been of such an important character that they have contributed not alone to his individual success but have been a leading element in promoting the general prosperity and in advancing the upbuilding of the city in which almost his entire life has been passed, his resolute character brooking no obstacles that could be overcome, and that determined and honorable position has been of the greatest benefit to the county and his name is enrolled high among those whose lives have ever been along the lines of the greatest usefulness.

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### FRANKLIN P. STUKEY, M. D.

The life history of Franklin P. Stukeley sets at naught the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, for in the county of his nativity the Doctor has won distinction, gradually advancing to a prominent place among the representatives of the medical profession. He was born upon a farm in Fairfield county, February 10, 1853. His father, John Stukeley, was a native of Pennsylvania, born

in the year 1816, and there he spent his boyhood days. In 1828 he came to Fairfield county with his parents, Samuel and Mary (Freeman) Stukeley, who settled upon a farm comprised of one hundred and seventeen acres. John Stukeley became identified with agricultural pursuits in this locality and for many years followed general farming and stock raising. He was a prosperous citizen, a good neighbor, a faithful friend



and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. For twenty-one years he capably served as justice of the peace, his fair and impartial decisions "winning him golden opinions from all sorts of people." Many cases were brought before him and his opinions were seldom reversed. In early life he engaged in teaching school and was closely associated with the development and progress of the county in many ways. His political faith was that of the Democracy and he strongly endorsed the principles of the party. He married Mary Ann Friesner, who was born in Fairfield county in 1821, on the farm which is known as the old homestead, and is still in possession of the Stukeley family. Her father, Andrew Friesner, was one of the pioneer settlers of Berne township. Unto the parents of our subject were born five sons: Franklin P.; Samuel A., who is a building contractor and resides in Franklin county, Ohio; George W., who has made Alaska his home for the past fifteen years and has large interests in three rich gold mines in that territory; Jesse M., a practicing physician of Lancaster; and John H., a dentist of that city, both enjoying lucrative practices. The father of this family was called to his final rest in 1896, at the age of eighty years.

Dr. Franklin P. Stukeley spent his boyhood days upon the home farm and in his youth attended the district schools, his study being alternated by the pleasure of the playground and the work of the fields, for at an early date he assisted in the development and cultivation of the home place. When only seventeen years of age he began teaching in the district schools and followed that

profession through eight winter terms. He further continued his own education as a student in the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, and when he ended his work as an instructor in the schoolroom he took up the study of medicine, reading under the direction of Dr. S. S. Scoville, of Lebanon. He was afterward graduated in the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1881, and after his graduation he located in Lancaster, where he engages in general practice. Soon his business increased in volume and importance and today he is accounted one of the most successful and capable physicians of the city, but he has not confined his attention alone to his professional duties. His inventive turn of mind won for him the "Reward of Genius," a gold and silver medal of 1896. He is the inventor and patentee of several useful and novel devices, the latest of which is a frame to be used in operating and holding storm curtains on buggies and other vehicles, and he is now establishing a malleable iron plant in Lancaster for the purpose of manufacturing these frames and doing malleable work generally. This plant promises to be one of the most valuable additions to the manufacturing industries of the city.

In 1882 occurred the marriage of Dr. Stukeley and Miss Mary E. Schwenke, of Sugar Grove, Ohio, a daughter of Henry Schwenke, a native of Germany and an early settler of Fairfield county. Unto the Doctor and his wife have been born three children: Grace Evelyn, who died at the age of eight months; Frank H.; and Raymond E. Fraternally Dr. Stukeley is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Fra-



ternal Mystic Circle and the American Insurance Union, and politically he affiliates with the Democratic party, but has no time or desire to seek public office, preferring to give his attention to his business interests. In connection with his profession he most creditably served one term as physician to the Boys' Industrial School, and for the past eight years has been physician to the Fair-

field County Infirmary. He has always been a close student, interested in the profession not only because of his love for the science but because of his earnest desire to aid those who are suffering from disease. His comprehensive study and broad reading and the accuracy with which he adapts his knowledge have made him a very successful and prominent physician of Fairfield county.

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### WILLIAM H. MYERS.

As long as history records the deeds of valor and bravery enacted on the battlefields of the Civil war so long will the men who wore the blue in the defense of the Union be honored for what they accomplished in behalf of their country. William H. Myers was one of the loyal sons that Ohio sent to the front, and, although but a young man, he was most true to his duty and most faithful in its discharge.

A native of Rush Creek township, Fairfield county, he was born March 17, 1843. His father, Francis Myers, was a native of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where his birth occurred in 1816. When two years old he was brought to Fairfield county, Ohio, by his parents, Francis and Catherine Myers, who settled in the vicinity of Bremen in 1818. The grandfather of our subject was a farmer by occupation and entered a tract of land from the government, becoming the owner of one hundred and sixty acres on section 21, Rush Creek township. In addition

to other valuable traits, he was also familiar with the tanning business, and for a number of years operated a tannery in Rush Creek township, in connection with agricultural pursuits. The leather which he made was of a superior quality and was in great demand to be used for half-soleing and also manufacturing shoes. He was thus closely associated with the business interests of the county at an early day. His death occurred in 1853, while his wife passed away in 1850. In their family were five sons and four daughters, namely: John; Michael; Joseph; Francis; Jacob; Margaret; Elizabeth, the wife of Joseph Snyder; Christina, the wife of John S. Snyder; and Catherine, all of whom are now deceased.

Francis Myers, the father of our subject, was reared amid pioneer conditions on the old home farm in this county and when he had attained to man's estate he sought as a companion and helpmate for life's journey





Miss Elizabeth Hutchinson. She was born in Rush Creek township in 1820 and was a daughter of James and Margaret Hutchinson, who removed from Virginia to Ohio in 1818, taking up their abode near Salem and after a short time locating in Rush Creek township, where the mother of our subject was born. After his marriage Francis Myers located upon a farm, where, in connection with the cultivation of the crops best adapted to the soil and climate, he also engaged in stock-raising. In politics he was an old-line Whig and later he became a Prohibitionist. He died on his eighty acre farm in October, 1896, having for a number of years survived his wife, who died in September, 1879.

Their only child was William H. Myers, of this review. He attended the village schools at Bremen, afterward continuing his studies in Rush Creek Academy and later in the Lancaster Normal School, where he prepared for teaching, being first employed in Bremen, where he remained for two terms. For eighteen years he was identified with educational work, his labors in that direction being extraordinary through their private influence. He spent five years as a teacher in Bremen and the remainder of the time in Rush Creek township. When the country became involved in civil war he felt that his first duty was to the Union and in 1862 enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company B, Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Captain Henry S. Abbot and Colonel L. J. Jackson. He had joined a three months' regiment, which was sent to Virginia, serving there for four months. On the 30th of

July, 1864, however, Mr. Myers re-enlisted, becoming a member of Company D, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In a skirmish at Resaca, Georgia, his command captured twenty-two hundred persons under General Wolford. They were soon after paroled on account of the termination of the war. On the 9th of February, 1866, Mr. Myers received an honorable discharge from army service and returned to his old home on the farm in Rush Creek township.

At about that time our subject was united in marriage to Miss Mary Cook, of Athens county, who was born in Morgan county, Ohio. They became the parents of two sons, but one died in early childhood. The other, Charles E., has married Miss Mary M. Nisley, of Rush Creek township, and is a resident of this county. The mother has also passed away. Mr. Myers, of this review, gives his political support to the Republicans, and is a member of Rushville Lodge, No. 211, F. & A. M. He likewise belongs to Joe T. Toland Post, G. A. R., and to the Union Veteran Union, and with his comrades takes delight in recounting the scenes and incidents of the late war. His efforts in behalf of educational interests were of great value. He had the ability to impart clearly and concisely to others the knowledge he had acquired, and inspired his pupils with his own zeal and interest in the work. He did much to promote intellectual progress in the community and his worth was widely acknowledged in educational circles. At the present time he is living retired, enjoying a rest which he has richly earned.



## ANDREW J. MUSSER.

Extensive agricultural and stock raising interests claim the attention of Andrew Jackson Musser, whose operations along this line have brought to him splendid success. He has also been prominent in public affairs and at one time served as the treasurer of Fairfield county. He was born in Walnut township, this county, on the 2nd of July, 1832, and is of Swiss lineage. His paternal grandfather, John Musser, was born in the land of the Alps and with his family crossed the broad Atlantic to America in 1794, establishing his home in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, at which place his wife died. A few years afterward he removed from the Keystone state to Fairfield county, Ohio, where he arrived in 1799. The trip was made down the Ohio river and up the Hocking river in a flat boat, in which was loaded all of the family belongings, the boat being pushed along by poles. John Musser and his family took up their abode in what is now known as Walnut township in the midst of a tract of dense timber land. Indians were far more numerous in this region than the white settlers and stalked through the forest engaged in hunting and in other pursuits common to the red race. Arriving at their destination, Mr. Musser erected a small log cabin and with the aid of his sons at once began to clear and develop the little farm, purchasing a tract of eighty acres. This he afterward sold and removed to Berne township, where he improved a small tract of land, spending his remaining days thereon. His entire life was devoted

to agricultural pursuits. In his family were three sons and a daughter, namely: Henry, John, Ulric, and Catherine.

Ulric Musser, the youngest son, was the father of our subject. He was born in Switzerland and was only seven years of age when the family emigrated to the new world. The greater part of his youth was passed in Walnut township, where he attended the subscription schools, for at that time the public school system was not established. His educational privileges, however, were limited to a few months attendance during the winter season for throughout the remainder of the year his services were needed in the work of clearing the home and developing crops, which brought to the family a livelihood. When he had attained to man's estate, he married Elizabeth Frye, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, in 1793, and was a little maiden of six summers when brought to Fairfield county by her parents who settled on the Hocking Flats, bordering the Hocking river, their home being in the neighborhood known as the Stukey settlement. Many were the hardships and privations endured by these pioneer farmers, far from civilization. Their homes were small and they had to depend upon what they could raise for a living. After their marriage Ulric Musser and his wife took up their abode in Fairfield county, where he was actively engaged in clearing a farm, which he afterward sold preparatory to removing to Walnut township. In the latter locality he



took up his abode on the border of Clear creek, where he improved and cultivated a farm until his death, which occurred in 1852. His wife, who survived him for a number of years, afterward married Conrad Hite. When the war of 1812 was in progress Ulric Musser joined the American forces under Captain Sanderson, the company having been raised in Lancaster. He was a loyal and valued soldier, remaining with his company until his services were no longer needed. It was in 1815 that he married Miss Frye, and throughout his remaining days he carried on general farming and stock-raising with good success, so at the time of his death he possessed four hundred and twenty acres of rich land. Although his educational advantages were limited, he possessed sound common sense, a strong purpose and force of character, which enabled him to acquire a handsome competence and also to win the respect of his fellow men. In his political views he was a Jacksonian Democrat, and his religious faith was that of the German Reformed church. His wife, who long survived him, reached the advanced age of ninety-six years and died in 1889. By her first marriage she became the mother of seven children, namely: Henry, a prosperous farmer of this county; Daniel, who died in 1897; Abraham, who is engaged in business in partnership with our subject; Sarah, the widow of Thomas B. Warner; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Gilmore; and Mrs. Lydia Ashley. All are yet residents of Fairfield county.

In retrospecting one can see Andrew J. Musser as a little farmer boy making his

way from home in the morning to the district schools and returning in the evening. He also performed such a part of the farm work as his age and strength would permit. He lost his father when he was only fourteen years of age and thus was early thrown on his own resources, so that he was variously employed in any way which would yield him an honest living until he was twenty-one years of age. At that time he entered into partnership with his brother Abraham and they began dealing in horses, which they prepared for the market. Later they turned their attention to hogs and cattle and became breeders and feeders of both, feeding one hundred steers annually and a large number of hogs. This business they conducted very successfully from 1851 until 1901, with the exception of four years when Andrew J. Musser filled the office of county treasurer. He was elected to that position in 1893 and entered upon his duties in September, 1894. Chosen for the second term, he continued in office four years, acquitting himself carefully as a trustworthy and reliable official. On his retirement from office he resumed active business in connection with his brother in feeding and dealing in hogs and cattle. Together they carried on their extensive farm, comprising more than five hundred acres under a high state of cultivation. They also have good dwellings, barns, sheds, feedyards and stock pens; in fact, their farm is supplied with all modern facilities for carrying on their business, is equipped with the latest improved machinery and is justly accounted one of the best farm properties of the community. Our



subject also superintends another farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Bloom township, which belongs to his wife.

Mr. Musser has been twice married. He first wedded Augusta Taylor, of Walnut township, a daughter of John and Catherine (Lamb) Taylor. She died in 1873, leaving three children: Clay; Nellie, the wife of Charles Lamb; and Joseph, now living in Montana. For his second wife Mr. Musser chose Elizabeth Courtright, of Bloom township, where she was born and reared, her parents being Zepheniah and Sarah (Williams) Courtright. Six children have been born to this union, of whom five are yet living, namely: Zepheniah, who is clerking for the natural gas board of Lancaster; Ray and Andrew J., who are actively connected in farming pursuits and are now feeding hogs and cattle; and Roderick and Fannie, who are yet in school.

Politically Mr. Musser has always affiliated with the Democracy, and is often seen in the councils of the party. He takes an active interest in local, county and state poli-

ties but never to the neglect of his extensive business. He is prominent in Masonry, belonging to Baltimore Lodge, F. & A. M.; Chapter, R. A. M.; and Lancaster Commandery, K. T. Since 1894, when he removed from his farm to Lancaster to enter upon the duties of the office of county treasurer, he has continued to reside in the county seat and has a neat and comfortable home on East Main street. From the early age of fourteen years A. J. Musser has depended entirely upon his own resources for advancement and the success which is accorded his efforts is the merited reward of his labors. He has encountered obstacles and difficulties which would have utterly discouraged many men of less resolute spirit, but with determined purpose he has pushed forward, and his indefatigable industry and capable management have enabled him to become one of the substantial citizens of Fairfield county, while his straightforward business methods have commended him to the confidence and good will of all with whom he comes in contact.

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### THOMAS J. MacDONOUGH.

Practical industry wisely and vigorously applied never fails of success; it carries a man onward and upward, brings out his individual character and acts as a powerful stimulus to the efforts of others. The greatest results in life are usually attained

by simple means and the exercise of the ordinary qualities of common sense and perseverance. The every-day life, with its cares, necessities and duties, affords ample opportunities for acquiring experience of the best kind, and its most beaten paths pro-





vide a true worker with abundant scope for effort and for self-improvement. It is along such lines that Mr. MacDonough has won a place prominent in business circles.

Thomas J. MacDonough is president of the city council as well as a recognized factor in industrial interests in Fairfield county, and his life record cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers. He was born in Marietta, Ohio, June 18, 1856. His parents were Laurance and Ann (Stankard) MacDonough. The father was born in county Galway, Ireland, and there was married to Miss Stankard, whose birth also occurred in that locality. Believing that they might have better opportunities for acquiring a competence in the new world, they sailed for the United States in 1848 with their family, then numbering five children. Taking up their abode in Marietta, Ohio, the father became a contractor on the Memphis & Cincinnati Railroad, which afterward became a part of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad system. For a number of years Mr. MacDonough was thus engaged in contracting, constructing road beds, laying ties and doing other such work necessary to the building of a road. After an active and useful business career he passed away in Marietta, in 1883, being survived by his wife for six years.

In the schools of his native city Thomas J. MacDonough pursued his early education and later attended a parochial school. On putting aside his text-books he began learning the more difficult lessons in the school of experience, his training being received at the carpenter's bench under the direction of his elder brother, Michael, in

Marietta. When he had mastered the business he removed to Crawfordsville, Indiana, where he followed his trade for two years in connection with what was called the Danville but is now the Panhandle Railroad. In 1881 he came to Lancaster, where he entered the employ of the Hocking Valley Railway as a bridge carpenter, and soon afterward was promoted to foreman, while later he became superintendent of the bridge department, having charge of this branch of work along their various lines. He thus engaged in the constructing of bridges, culverts, depots and other necessary buildings, having supervision of some two hundred and forty-eight miles and ten gangs of men and bridge builders, carpenters and stone masons. It is also a part of his duty to supply engines for flag stations. His position is one requiring not only a comprehensive knowledge of mechanical principles and practical skill along the various lines of construction, but is one involving great responsibility, for work which is not of a high grade might be very detrimental to the safe conduct of the trains over the lines, causing perhaps loss of life or property. Mr. MacDonough, however, is thoroughly competent to discharge the onerous duties which devolve upon him. He is an expert mechanic himself and is thus capable of having charge of the work of the men and testing their efficiency, and his long service in the employ of the company, covering twenty-one consecutive years, is an indication of the implicit trust and responsibility reposed in him.

In 1885 Mr. MacDonough was united in marriage to Miss Clara Zink, a daughter



of Sylvester and Mary (Raser) Zink, of Lancaster. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children, but only one is living, George Harold. In his political views Mr. MacDonough is a stalwart Democrat and takes great interest in the success of his party, using his influence and aid in behalf of its growth and progress. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office. In 1896 he was chosen a representative of the third ward in the city council, and so capably did he serve that he has been

three times elected to the position, acting as its president continuously since 1896. He has also served as president of the city library, and his aid and co-operation are freely given to all measures for the general good. He has taken an active part in various enterprises that have promoted the material, social and intellectual upbuilding of his adopted city, and in the community where he has so long resided he has won the confidence and respect of his fellow men and the warm friendship of many with whom he is associated.

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### GEORGE E. HOFFMAN.

George E. Hoffman, now deceased, was for many years a respected citizen of Fairfield county and though he lived a quiet and retiring life, he enjoyed in high measure the confidence and good will of many friends. He was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, on the 29th of March, 1825. His father, Jacob Hoffman, was also a native of Pennsylvania and removed to Ohio when his son was only four years of age, taking up his abode in Fairfield county, so that our subject acquired his education in the common schools of this portion of the state. He attended for about three months each year—the winter seasons. The temple of learning was a little log school house, lighted by a window as long as one side of the room, for it was made by omitting one of the logs

in building the structure. The floor was made of puncheon and slab benches without backs were used as seats for the children, the feet of the little ones lacking several inches of touching the floor. After the primitive manner of the times George E. Hoffman continued his education until about eighteen years of age. In the meantime he had become familiar with the various departments of farm work upon the old family homestead, situated about three miles west of Lancaster. The place comprised one hundred and forty-eight acres of good land and there our subject remained with his father until his marriage, when he purchased the farm upon which his widow is still living and which was his home for a half a century. Within its boundaries are com-



prised one hundred and thirty-seven acres of land, which through the passing years has responded to the cultivation and improvement of Mr. Hoffman, whose efforts transformed it into a richly developed homestead.

In 1850 occurred the marriage of George E. Hoffman and Miss Marietta Peters, a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, and a daughter of Wesley and Elizabeth (Ingman) Peters; the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Virginia. In her parent's family were nine children: Samuel G., deceased; Henry William, who is living in Hocking township; Mrs. Hoffman; James, a resident of Berne township; Isabelle, the wife of Thomas Strode, of Hocking township; Silas P., who has passed away; Sophia, the wife of Henry Ewalt, of Kansas; John Wesley, living in Springfield; and Sarah Elizabeth, who became the wife of James Davidson, of Champaign, Illinois. Mrs. Hoffman was born November 21, 1829, and by her marriage became the mother of ten children, as follows: William Henry, a resident of Berne township;

George Milton, who died in Kansas; Mary Ella, the wife of Henry Pearce, of Washington C. H., Ohio; John Wesley, who lives in Lancaster; Laura Elizabeth, who became the wife of Charles Embich, of Berne township; Ida May, who has departed this life; Emma Catherine, the wife of William Stuckey, of Mount Sterling, Ohio; Grant N., a resident of Chicago; Fanny, who is at home with her mother; and Clark P., also at home.

Our subject and his wife held membership in the Lutheran church and their Christian belief permeated their daily conduct. In his political views Mr. Hoffman was a staunch Republican and had firm belief in the principles of the party and the ultimate good that would be attained through the adoption of these principles, but he never sought or desired office and would never allow his name to be used in such a connection. He was of a retiring disposition, but his sterling worth was manifest in an upright life, and when he was called to his final rest in 1900 many friends mourned his loss.

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## JOHN C. RITCHIE.

John C. Ritchie is a prosperous farmer residing at Amanda. He was born in Hocking township, Fairfield county, March 22, 1860, his parents being Creed and Sally (Schleich) Ritchie. The father was born in 1830 in this county; the mother was a

daughter of John D. and Mary (Halderman) Schleich, the former an old resident of Lancaster. Mr. Ritchie was for a number of years employed by the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad, serving in various departments, and at length was



killed in a railroad accident at Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1877, while acting in the capacity of yard master. The mother of our subject passed away in 1864, and their daughter, Mary, the eldest of their three children, died in 1901. Kate, the second daughter, is the wife of C. E. Brenelle, of Marion, Indiana.

John Creel Ritchie, whose name forms the caption of this review, was reared upon the home farm, and during the winter months attended the district schools. At the time of early spring planting he took his place in the fields and was thus largely employed until the crops were harvested in the autumn. He is a half owner of a good farm of one hundred and ninety-seven acres in Hocking township. His attention is devoted to the cultivation of the crops best adapted to the soil and climate and also to stock-raising, in both departments of his business meeting with good success. He is accounted one of the thrifty and enterprising agriculturists of his neighborhood, and

whatever he has achieved is the result of his own efforts and a strict adherence to business principles.

On the 18th of April, 1891, Mr. Ritchie was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Baugher, of Greenfield township, Fairfield county, a daughter of Samuel and Caroline (Fisher) Baugher, both of whom were natives of Greenfield township. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie has been blessed with the presence of a son and daughter, Edgar and Mildred. The parents hold membership in the First Presbyterian church of Amanda, and in 1901 Mr. Ritchie built a fine residence which he and his family occupy, his farm being situated a few miles south of the village. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work, having no desire to change his pursuit, for he has found that success may be attained along that line. His work also leaves him ample time to faithfully perform the duties of citizenship and to enjoy the pleasures of the home.

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## GEORGE NICHOLS.

George Nichols is actively identified with industrial interests of Fairfield county, being a well known carriage and wagon manufacturer, whose home is on section 34, Pleasant township, near Lancaster. He was born on the 1st of May, 1832, in Berne township, this county. His father, John Nichols, was a native of Cumberland, Mary-

land, born August 8, 1783. The grandfather of our subject was a planter, and when John Nichols attained his majority he inherited a large estate. Later both he and his father sold their real estate in the south and removed to Ohio in 1804, settling in Fairfield county, where he remained until his death, which occurred on the 19th of





December, 1867. His father hunted and trapped and also dealt with the Indians, being able to talk with them in their own language. The grandfather of our subject also engaged in hunting and trapping, trading in furs to a considerable extent at an early day. Later his attention was given to agricultural pursuits. Through some unfortunate speculation he lost most of the fortune which he had brought with him from Maryland. He was united in marriage to Catherine Keys and they became the parents of two sons: Henry was killed by the cars; and John became a wealthy farmer and died in Lake county, Indiana, at the age of eighty-three years. For his second wife the father chose Mary Lantz, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and of this union there were born eleven children, nine sons and two daughters, seven of whom are yet living. Mrs. Nichols was a daughter of Martin Lantz, who came from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and purchased a large tract of land in Pleasant township, near the city of Lancaster, Ohio. There he established the first tannery of the county and for many years he continued its operation, controlling the largest business of the kind in this portion of the state.

George Nichols, whose name introduces this record, was the seventh son. He left the home farm in order to learn a trade and chose that of carriage and wagon making. He became a thorough and expert workman, mastering the business in the blacksmithing, wood working and trimming departments. Having some capital, he determined to engage in business for himself, but wished first to thoroughly understand the pursuit

which would occupy his attention, as he realized that a thorough knowledge of the work would prove the foundation of his success. When his apprenticeship was ended he returned to Fairfield county, embarked in business on his own account and has since been very successful. His patronage increased from the beginning and at times he employed from seven to ten men in his shops. His books show that he has manufactured over eight hundred wagons and more than one thousand carriages and buggies of various descriptions, besides doing a large amount of repair work. He established his business at his present location on January 5, 1855, and is probably the largest carriage and wagon manufacturer of Fairfield county.

In 1848 Mr. Nichols was united in marriage to Mary Ramsey, a daughter of Robert Ramsey, who was extensively engaged in the teaming business in Groveport, Ohio. Four children have been born unto our subject and his wife. Edward is deceased. John W. resides at home, manages the farm and deals in horses. Like his father, he possesses considerable mechanical ability, is one of the expert horseshoers of the county and is master of all the branches of wagon and carriage manufacturing. Cora Alice is the wife of Perry Vorys, a clothing merchant of Lancaster. Clara E. is the wife of Edward M. Gillett, the superintendent of the Children's Home of Fairfield county. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are supporters of the Albright church and through the long years of their residence in this portion of the state they have been highly regarded for the possession of those qualities which in every land and clime demand respect.



## ANDREW W. SHAW.

The landed possessions of Andrew W. Shaw aggregate three hundred and sixty-one acres. At one time he owned in addition to this a valuable tract of five hundred acres and all was acquired through his own labors. He started out on a business career with no capital save a strong heart and willing hands, but his determination enabled him to overcome difficulties and obstacles while indefatigable energy proved the means of bringing to him a creditable success which he is now enjoying and which is evidenced by his splendidly developed farm. Mr. Shaw was born in Rush Creek township, Fairfield county, on the farm which is yet his home, his natal day being March 26, 1832. His paternal grandfather, John Shaw, was a native of Pennsylvania, and came with his family to Ohio, but died soon after his arrival in this county.

John Shaw, the father of our subject, was born in the Keystone state, but at an early period in the development of this portion of the state of Ohio took up his abode within its borders, accompanying his parents and the family. He had acquired his early education in the schools of his native state and here he received ample training at farm work. The family located upon a tract of land adjoining the farm upon which our subject now resides. It comprised one hundred and sixty acres, the greater part of which was still covered with the native growth of timber. At a later date John Shaw, the father of our subject, became the owner of the farm upon which Andrew is

now living, first purchasing a quarter-section and afterward adding to it a tract of sixty acres. He was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Stewart, a native of Fairfield county, and they became the parents of ten children, of whom only two are yet living, John W. and Andrew W., the former a resident of Ohio, his home being near Rushville. In his political views the father was a Democrat, believing firmly in the principles of the party, but never seeking office as a reward for his loyalty to the organization. He held membership in the Presbyterian church and was interested in every movement calculated to prove of general good. In his business affairs he prospered as the years passed by, and in addition to general farming he made a specialty of the cultivation of tobacco, which he shipped on quite an extensive scale.

Andrew W. Shaw obtained his education at home and though his advantages in youth were so extremely meager he added to his knowledge as the years passed by, and in the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons that have made him a successful business man, reliable and practical in all of his work. In early youth he assisted in the labor of the fields upon the home farm and was thus engaged up to the time of his marriage, when, in order to have a home of his own he purchased eighty-three acres of land, beginning agricultural pursuits on his own account. He built there a comfortable residence, but after two years sold the property. His father desired him



to return to the old homestead and take charge of the farm. This Mr. Shaw did, and became the manager of an excellent tract of land of two hundred and fifty-six acres. Later he purchased one hundred and sixty acres near Bremen, and to-day he is the owner of three hundred and sixty-one acres of land in Fairfield county, the rich and well developed fields returning to him a golden harvest. At one time he, in partnership with his brother J. W., also owned land to the extent of six hundred acres in Indiana, on the Wabash river, retaining it in their possession for thirteen years, when they sold out. Our subject's place is a very desirable one, being classed among the best farms of Rush Creek township, and the owner is known as a progressive, wide-awake and practical agriculturist, who has made farming a science.

Mr. Shaw was united in marriage to Miss Elmira Walten, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Thomas and Catherine Walten, who were also born in the Keystone state. In the family were ten children, but the only one now living is Mrs. Shaw. By her marriage she has become the

mother of seven children, but four of the number have passed away. Those who still survive are: Ida M., at home; J. C. and George E., who are also under the parental roof.

Since age gave to Mr. Shaw the right of franchise he has supported the men and measures of the Democracy, and while he has never sought or desired office he has nevertheless kept well informed on the issues of the day, being able to support his position by intelligent argument. The cause of education has found in him a warm friend, and for twenty-four years he has served as a school director, doing everything in his power to promote in this way the intellectual standard of the community. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, with which his children are also identified. His residence in the county covers seventy years—the psalmist's span of life—and although his career has been one of unfaltering industry Mr. Shaw is still actively concerned in business affairs and deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, having been the architect and builder of his own fortunes.

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## EDWARD M. GILLETT.

Edward Mithoff Gillett is now the superintendent of the Fairfield County Children's Home of Lancaster and is one of the enterprising and respected citizens. He was born on a farm just at the edge of Carroll,

Ohio, on the 3d of December, 1867. His father, Amasa B. Gillett, was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, in April, 1823, and with his parents emigrated westward to Illinois, where the family remained for a



short time and then removed to Reynoldsburg, Ohio. At that place Amasa B. Gillett learned the carpenter's trade and after following that pursuit for some time he came to Fairfield county, establishing his home in Carroll. Here he married Priscilla Jane Wilson, a daughter of Isaac Wilson, who as a wedding present presented the young couple with a farm on section 7, Greenfield township. It was there that two sons were born unto them: Isaac Wilson and Frank C. Shortly after the birth of the latter Mrs. Gillett died, and for his second wife the father of our subject married Sarah M. Myers, the wedding taking place on the 8th of January, 1867. She was a daughter of Andrew Myers, a resident of Jefferson, Ohio, and by the second marriage was born one son, Edward Mithoff, whose name introduces this review. The father managed the farm and also engaged in general contracting and building houses, barns and bridges. He was also county commissioner for six years and was an active and influential member of the County Agricultural Society, of which he served as president for several terms, while for a number of years he was one of its directors. In his various business interests he met with success, and when the two sons of his first marriage had attained their majority he purchased their interest in the home farm, which had been given to their mother on her marriage. In his will, however, he bequeathed the farm to them in equal shares, which he had bought of them. In 1883 he was appointed superintendent of the Fairfield County Children's Home near Lancaster, being the first one to occupy that po-

sition. The board of directors made a wise choice when they selected Mr. Gillett and he was continued in position until the first of April, 1896, when he resigned and removed to Lancaster, where he lived retired until his death February 7, 1900. His widow still survives him and is yet living in that city. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and is active in many good works. Her father, Andrew Myers, was a Pennsylvania German and died in Jefferson, Ohio, at the very advanced age of ninety-five years.

Edward Mithoff Gillett pursued his education in the district schools and afterward attended the normal school in Lithopolis. On putting aside his text-books he accepted a position on the staff of the Columbus Daily Times and later he embarked in the wholesale shoe business, owned by James Claypool. After two years he came to Lancaster and was engaged in clerking in a dry goods store for more than a year. He then obtained a position of engineer at the Children's Home, working under his father, until his appointment to the superintendency of the institution, as his father's successor. He has since remained in the position, giving satisfaction by the capable manner in which he manages its affairs. He not only superintends the business interests of the place in an able manner, but his broad sympathy and kindness have been active elements in his care of the children entrusted to his charge.

On the 30th of October, 1890, Mr. Gillett was united in marriage to Miss Clara Nichols, a daughter of George Nichols, the oldest wagon manufacturer of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Gillett have no children of





their own, but they take personal interest in each child under their care and this largely accounts for the good conduct of the little ones who have a warm affection for our subject and his wife, who indeed have made

the institution a home to the unfortunate children who would otherwise have no home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gillett are people of genuine worth and their circle of friends is very extensive.

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## GEORGE W. WELSH.

George W. Welsh, the successor of Mr. Spooner as superintendent of the schools of Lancaster, was appointed in February, 1869. Mr. Welsh had been a popular and successful teacher in the grammar schools of Lancaster for the preceding two years. His high moral character, his kindness and unobtrusive manners, and his ambition to excel in his chosen field of labor, strongly recommended him to the board of education as a suitable person for superintendent of the schools. He was therefore elected to that position by a unanimous vote of the board. His successful management of the schools for the last seven years, and the advancement and proficiency of teachers and pupils indicate the wisdom of the board in his selection. Impressed with a sense of the responsibility of his charge, he exerts to the utmost all his energies in qualifying himself for the duties imposed upon him. Possessing an ardent love of literary and scientific pursuits, he has, by assiduous study, attained to an eminence as an educator, alike honorable to himself and the schools under his charge. Under his administration the attendance is more regular, the modes of

instruction improved, and the schools have steadily advanced in the scale of excellence.

After ten years of service as superintendent Mr. Welsh resigned in 1879 to accept a position with the publishing house of Harper Brothers, of New York. He remained with this firm one year and then resigned and was elected superintendent of the schools of Xenia, Ohio. After two years of successful work in the Xenia schools he resigned to accept again the superintendency of the Lancaster schools, succeeding S. S. Knabenshue, who had efficiently filled the place since February, 1879. After one year's service Mr. Welsh's health having failed, he was succeeded by J. J. Burns, former state commissioner of common schools. In 1884 Mr. Burns resigned to accept the superintendency of the schools of Dayton, Ohio, and Mr. Welsh was appointed as his successor, and remained in charge of the schools eight years. In 1892 he was succeeded by Elijah Burgess, who held the position until 1898. For one year following the principal of the high school, T. C. Coates, was acting superintendent. In 1899 Mr. Welsh was again chosen to take charge of the



schools, and is the present superintendent.

Mr. Welsh was born and reared in Fairfield county. At the beginning of the Civil war he was teaching in Royalton, the place of his birth. In July, 1862, on the recommendation of the military committee of this country he received a lieutenant's commission from Governor David Tod, and with Alvah Perry and J. M. Sutphen recruited a company for the Ninetieth Ohio Volunteer

Infantry. His regiment was sent to Kentucky in August, 1862, and was attached to the Army of the Cumberland, with which it marched and fought until the close of the war. Mr. Welsh was severely wounded at the battle of Stone River, Tennessee, on the last day of the year 1862. After the war he resumed his chosen profession, and with little interruption has continued in educational work to the present time.

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## OBED BROWN.

For forty-one years Obed Brown has resided in Fairfield county and for sixteen years has filled the office of township trustee, which indicates the unmistakable honor, confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. He was born in Pickaway county on the 4th of May, 1843, his parents being Elisha and Hannah (Ether-ton) Brown. His father was also born in Pickaway county and throughout the years of his active business career devoted his time to farm work, in which he prospered as the years passed. He closely applied himself to his duties, and through his capable management and unremitting diligence met with gratifying success. He voted with the Democracy and though he never cared for official preferment was a public-spirited man and endorsed all measures and movements for the general good. He died at the home of our subject in 1901 at the age of eighty-

six years, his birth having occurred in 1815. His wife was also born in Pickaway county and died about thirteen years before her husband's demise. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children, five of whom are yet living, Obed Brown, the subject of this review, being the third in order of birth.

Upon the old farm homestead where he first opened his eyes to the light of day Obed Brown was reared until his had attained the age of eighteen years, when he came to Fairfield county. In the meantime he had acquired a good English education in the common schools and had become familiar with farm work, and has never desired to change his occupation. Upon arriving in Fairfield county in 1861 he located in Amanda township upon a tract of land which he cultivated for a time, then purchased his present farm of eighty acres. It has been his home con-



tinuously since, and its neat and thrifty appearance is an indication of his thorough understanding of farming methods and his earnest desire to make his property an attractive and valuable one.

The year 1869 was the one in which was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Brown and Miss Caroline Crites, a daughter of Samuel Crites, one of the early settlers of Fairfield county. His birth occurred in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1800, and he afterward became a prominent farmer of the Buckeye state, his thorough worth winning for him the esteem of all with whom he was associated.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Brown has been blessed with five children: Alice is the wife of Edson Groce, a farmer living

in Walnut township, Pickaway county. Maggie is the wife of Joseph Bitler, a resident farmer of Amanda township. They have one child, Lauren O. Bitler. Etta died at the age of five years. Bertha is the wife of John A. Bowman, a resident farmer of Clear Creek township. Emmett resides upon the old home place and assists his father in the cultivation of the fields. Mr. Brown believes that the principles of the Democracy are best calculated to promote good government in state and nation, and therefore endorses the men and measures of that party. He is at present serving as township trustee, having filled the office for the past sixteen years. No higher testimonial of capable service could be given than this.

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## HENRY ZIMMERMAN.

Henry Zimmerman is well known in mercantile circles in Lancaster, where he is conducting a retail grocery business. He has been a resident of this city from early boyhood, but was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 8th of January, 1844. His parents were Gottlieb and Barbara (Biechler) Zimmerman, natives of Wittenberg, Germany, the former born on the 9th of December, 1821. When in his tenth year he was brought to the United States by his parents, William and Sarah (Silver) Zimmerman. After removing from Cincinnati to Fairfield county Gottlieb Zimmerman engaged in

teaming and in the transfer business for a number of years and at the same time devoted his attention partially to the operation of a small farm near Lancaster. His industry and careful management through his active business career provided him with a comfortable living. His wife died in 1890 when about seventy years of age, and he has since made his home with our subject. In his family were eight children, all of whom reached mature years, while George, Jacob, Louisa, Charlie, Henry and Mary are still living.

In the public schools of Lancaster Henry



Zimmerman pursued his education and left school in order to assist his father, but when the Civil war was begun he put aside all business and personal considerations in order to aid his country in the suppression of the rebellion in the south, becoming a member of Company A, Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Colonel John M. Connell. Mr. Zimmerman was mustered in for three years' service, and, although in his seventeenth year, he was a brave and loyal soldier, his valor being equal to that of many veterans twice his years. He participated in the engagements at Wild Cat, Millspring, Stone River, Perryville, Corinth, Pittsburg Landing and the battle of Chickamauga. At the last named place, on the 20th of September, 1863, he was captured. After being held as a prisoner, however, for ten days he was exchanged. He had been shot through the elbow and the bone being shattered he was disabled for a time. Sent to the field hospital, he was afterward transferred to Nashville, Tennessee, then to New Albany and later to Camp Dennison, near Cincinnati, Ohio. Recovering his health, he rejoined his command and took part in the battle of Kennesaw Mountain, and when his time had expired he was mustered out at Atlanta, Georgia, in October, 1864.

Returning to Lancaster, Mr. Zimmerman then engaged in the grocery business. In 1872 he purchased the store of Bassett, Allen & Gardner, where he continued until 1875, when he purchased his present business block on North Columbus street. Here

he carries a large and selected stock of staple and fancy groceries and his reasonable prices and honorable dealing and his earnest endeavor to please have secured to him a liberal patronage.

In 1867 Mr. Zimmerman was united in marriage to Miss Pauline E. Breternetz, of Chillicothe, Ohio, a daughter of William and Minerva (Ludwig) Breternetz. She was born in Germany and when a little child of two summers was brought by her parents to the United States. By her marriage she has become the mother of nine children, but the youngest died in infancy. The others are: Minnie B., the wife of A. G. Byers; Addie, who married Joseph Hooker, of Lancaster; Charles, now of Columbus; Robert I., who is also living in Lancaster; Hattie, the wife of William Stuckey, a wholesale dealer in cigars in Lancaster; Emma, the wife of Edward McManany; Ollie P., at home; and George W. M.

The parents hold membership in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, taking a very active and earnest part in its work. Mr. Zimmerman is now serving as one of its deacons and for three years was secretary of its board of trustees. His political allegiance is given the Democracy. Fraternally he is connected with the Union Veteran Legion, belonging to the Encampment, No. 112, and to the Mystic Circle, No. 57, of which he is the worthy ruler. As a citizen he is true to his country and her best interests to-day as when he followed the nation's starry banner upon southern battle fields.





## JACOB WHITEHURST.

Jacob Whitehurst was born March 1, 1830, in Bloom township, Fairfield county, his parents being John and Margaret (Showalter) Whitehurst, who were natives of Rockingham county, Virginia. The grandfather, Jacob Showalter, was also born in Rockingham county, and it was for him that our subject was named. In his family were eight sons and eight daughters. The father came to Fairfield county in the fall of 1829 and first located in Bloom township, near Greencastle. In the spring of 1845, however, he removed to the farm upon which Jacob Whitehurst is now living. The father was a carpenter by trade and at one time conducted a furniture shop in this county, but subsequently gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. He was a man of high moral character and strict principles, was industrious and energetic, and his life work was such as to commend him to the esteem of all. He served as school director and also as supervisor. By his marriage to Margaret Showalter, John Whitehurst became the father of eleven children. Those still living are: Joseph, born in 1823; Norton, born in 1825; Jacob in 1836; Elizabeth in 1837; and William in 1846. Those who have passed away are: Hannah, born in 1827; Sophia, born in 1832; Susana, in 1835; Mary Ann, in 1840; one who died in infancy; and John, born in 1843. Of this family John served in the Civil war as a member of the Union army. He was wounded in the left lung and died from the effects of his injuries a few years later. The

father died March 17, 1856, at the age of fifty-five years, and his wife passed away September 5, 1879, in her seventy-eighth year.

Jacob Whitehurst, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in a log school house such as was common during the period of his youth. When twenty-one years of age he began operating the old homestead, remaining with his father until the latter's death, when he purchased the interests of the other heirs, having since continued upon the farm which has so long been his home. He gives his attention in an undivided manner to his agricultural interests and his practical knowledge of farming, accompanied with his capable management, has resulted in bringing to him very desirable success.

As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Mr. Whitehurst chose Miss Mary Powell, their wedding being celebrated on the 13th of January, 1859. The lady is a daughter of Daniel Powell, of Bloom township. Her mother bore the maiden name of Eliza Beaty and both were natives of Pennsylvania, but in the early part of the century they took up their abode in Fairfield county. Mr. Powell became an extensive and prosperous farmer of Bloom township. He died in his seventy-seventh year, while his wife passed away at the age of seventy-one years. He had served his country in the Civil war and was ever a loyal and patriotic citizen. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Powell were born eight children, of



whom seven are yet living: Bateman, Mary, Alexander, Sarah, Daniel, Elizabeth and John. Peter, who was the third in order of birth, is now deceased.

Mr. Whitehurst, of this review, has served as supervisor of his township and is a public-spirited citizen, ever interested in the welfare and progress of his community. In politics he has always supported the Democratic party, but he has never

sought or desired political office to any great extent, though he withholds his co-operation from no movement which he believes will contribute to the general good. His entire life has been passed in Fairfield county, and he has witnessed much of its growth and upbuilding, and has watched the changes which have transferred it from a primitive section of the state until it now ranks with the best counties of the commonwealth.

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### REV. NICHOLAS E. PILGER.

The Rev. Nicholas E. Pilger is pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church of Lancaster. He has devoted the years of his manhood to the work of the ministry and under his guidance the church of which he now has charge is making satisfactory and substantial advancement. He was born May 2, 1842, and after attending the parochial school decided to enter the priesthood. Accordingly he made his preparatory studies at St. Thomas' College, Bardstown, Kentucky, and finished his ecclesiastical studies at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of Cincinnati. He was ordained on the 3d of June, 1865, by Bishop Rosecrans, the then coadjutor bishop of Cincinnati and who was afterward appointed first bishop of Columbus, Ohio.

Father Pilger's first charge was at Miltonsburg, Monroe county, where he was sent July 1, 1865, and there remained for seven years, until July 1, 1872. In the meantime he built a new church at Woods-

field and repaired the churches of his different missions, of which he had four besides the church at Miltonsburg. During those years he practically lived in the saddle, but was young and robust and did his work with a will and accomplished much toward carrying the gospel of Christ into the newly settled towns of his circuit. He relates many very interesting stories of his early pastoral work, some of which are amusing. His accounts of his efforts to combat the ignorance of the people in those days and their bitter prejudices against the Catholic faith are of a highly entertaining nature.

In 1872 Father Pilger was transferred as pastor to St. Francis De Sales church at Newark, Ohio, where he remained until first coming to Lancaster in 1874, but at that time he remained here less than a year, his next pastorate being at Delaware, Ohio, where he spent nine years. During his stay



at that place he purchased the ground on which Father Steyle afterward erected a handsome church. In 1884 he returned to Lancaster, where he has now labored for eighteen years, now having an assistant in Father Teipe. His congregation is a large one, the membership being sixteen hundred, and there is a large attendance at the Sunday-school. In 1886 Father Pilger was appointed dean of St. Mary's by Bishop Waterson, and through his untiring efforts he now has one of the best organized churches in the diocese, with no jars or discord to disturb its peace. He is greatly beloved by his parishioners and is much respected by

people of other denominations. He labors zealously for the temporal and moral welfare of his people and under his guidance his church has increased numerically and spiritually. There is a fine school in connection with the church under the charge of seven Dominican Sisters. There are fourteen grades with an average attendance of two hundred pupils, and the school is now in a thriving condition. The Catholic societies here are as follows: The Catholic Knights of Ohio, the Knights of St. George, the Knights of St. John, St. Joseph's Benevolent, the Young Men's Institute and the Ladies Auxiliary.

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### JOHN H. BELLERMANN.

John H. Bellermann, who is manager of the Lancaster Medical Institute of Lancaster, Ohio, is one who is devoting his whole time and energies to the office. This institute can be looked upon as a great benefit to the human race and those responsible for its management are entitled to great credit for the good it has done for those who have become slaves to the use of intoxicants. They have restored to them the will power and strength of an upright manhood, enabling them once more to take their place as workers in the business world unhampered by the diseased conditions brought on by intemperance.

Mr. Bellermann is a native of Maryland, his birth having occurred in the city of

Baltimore on the 2d of March, 1858, his parents being Emanuel and Henrietta (Wegwerth) Bellermann. He was educated in the public schools of his native city, and for several years thereafter was connected with the drug business in Baltimore. Subsequently he became a salesman for the firm of Sharp & Dohme and later, was with the firm of Parke, Davis & Company, manufacturing chemists of Detroit, Michigan. He represented that house upon the road, traveling in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and a part of Iowa, his attention being thus occupied until 1888. The following year he came to Lancaster and began to manufacture proprietary medicines, having his laboratory in connection with the Lancaster Medical



Institute. In 1891 in connection with others he organized the Lancaster Medical Company for the manufacture of medicines to be used by the institute, which is located in what is known as the Hocking H. Hunter residence. The grounds comprise five acres and the place is most attractive in appearance. The utmost care is given to sanitary conditions and the home is well lighted and ventilated. The institution is attended by two of the most prominent physicians of Lancaster—Dr. G. W. Boerstler and Dr. George Orman Beery. The home is well furnished and equipped for the accommodation of its numerous patients and the grounds and surroundings are especially attractive. As manager of the institution Mr. Beller-mann has contributed not a little to its success.

In December, 1889, was celebrated the marriage of our subject and Miss Ida Webb, the third daughter of Nimrod and Sophia (Shade) Webb. Mrs. Beller-mann was born and reared in Lancaster and spent her entire life in this city. Mr. Beller-mann belongs to the blue lodge, chapter and commandery of the Masonic order, of Lancaster, also to the Royal Arcanum and the camp of the Modern Woodmen. In April, 1901, he was elected a member of the city school board and the cause of education found in him a warm friend, for he believes it to be the bulwark of our nation and recognizes its importance for the preparation for life's responsible duties. In manner he is always kindly and courteous, and his social qualities have rendered him popular with a large circle of acquaintances.

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### REV. WILLIAM L. SLUTZ, D. D.

Dr. William Leonard Slutz was born in Monroe township, Carroll county, Ohio, February 22, 1846. His great-grandfather, John Slutz, was born in Germany in 1755, of German-Holland parentage, and emigrated to this country sometime prior to the Revolutionary war. John Slutz served for a considerable time in that struggle, being on a man-of-war. At the close of the war, in 1782, he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Howe, and of this union were born four children, Samuel being the eld-

est. In 1788 Mrs. Slutz died and sometime afterward he was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Welsh. Of this marriage fourteen children were born. Thus did the great-grandfather, John Slutz, become the happy father of twelve sons and six daughters. Fifteen of these children grew to maturity, were married, and reared families of their own.

The grandfather, Samuel Slutz, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, March 6, 1783. He was united in marriage, Oc-





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tober 26, 1810, with Miss Sarah Hagne, who was a Quaker, some of her family assisting in forming the Quaker Society in Columbus, Ohio, where the Hagues were prominent in that church. Of this union four children were born, Mahlon being the eldest. Mahlon Slutz was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, July 17, 1812. On the 23rd of March, 1834, he was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Walburn, the daughter of Leonard and Sarah Walburn. She was born near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, March 11, 1816, but was reared from early childhood in Tuscarawas county, Ohio. After their marriage they resided a short time in Holmes county, then in Stark county three years, then in Carroll county ten years, thence to Pike township, Stark county, locating on a farm six miles south of the city of Canton, in 1848, which was the family home for more than half a century and remains in the name of Mahlon Slutz at the time of this writing, 1902. Mahlon Slutz died near Canton, Ohio, June 5, 1901, at the advanced age of almost eighty-nine years. His wife, Rebecca (Walburn) Slutz, had died September 15, 1896, closing a period of nearly sixty-three years which they had spent together in happy wedlock and for a little more than sixty years there had been but one death in their family.

William Leonard Slutz was one of seven children born of this parentage, four of whom are now living. He was not quite three years old when his parents brought him to Stark county. Here he attended the country school until about eighteen years of age when he entered the public school in

the city of Canton. He then taught country school and later, during college life, was principal of a village school and closed his work as a teacher in charge of a normal school. He attended Mount Union College, at Alliance, Ohio, in his home county, where he completed a classical course of study and received his degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1871, and later in *cursu*, the degree of Master of Arts. In 1895 he was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity, the same being conferred by Baldwin University.

At the age of fifteen he was happily converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his parents, brothers and sisters all were members. In 1873, having become a member of the Pittsburg conference and ordained deacon by Bishop William L. Harris, at his own request, he was transferred to the Colorado conference in gratification of his desire to go west. He remained a member of the Colorado conference nine years, his last pastorate being Colorado Springs. During this pastorate of three years a most eligible church site was purchased and a new church erected at a cost of about twenty thousand dollars. He was secretary of that conference at the time of his transfer to the east Ohio conference in 1882. He was then stationed at Akron three years and two years in Ravenna, at the close of which time he was transferred to the Ohio conference and stationed three years as pastor of Bigelow, in Portsmouth, Ohio, then appointed to London, Ohio, where he remained five years. During his pastorate in London an excellent site was



secured and a splendid church edifice erected thereon at a cost of about forty-eight thousand dollars, all provided for. There was also a net increase in membership of one hundred and fifty. In 1895 he was appointed pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Lancaster, Ohio, and continued as pastor two years, when he was appointed presiding elder of the Lancaster district and at the time of this writing is closing his fifth year in that office. He has been in charge of circuits two years, stationed in cities twenty-four years and presiding elder five years. During these years he has occupied parsonages incident to the life of a Methodist minister, until within the past four years, when he has had the happy experience of dwelling in his own comfortable home at No. 118 East Wheeling street, Lancaster, Ohio.

On the 23d of November, 1873, he was united in marriage with Miss Julia Minerva Clark, daughter of Ransom H. and Elizabeth (Pitkin) Clark, of Portage county, Ohio. Her parents were of New England parentage. Six children were born of this marriage: Willie died at the age of two years in Portsmouth, Ohio, February 13, 1888; Mabel Henrietta, at nineteen years of age, a young lady of choicest Christian

spirit; and bright little Helen Margaret, at the age of four, on September 21, 1894, in the eternal home, joined their mother, who had died the previous June. Three sons are living: Merrill Clark, the eldest, is a member of the Cincinnati bar. Raymond Mahlon is a student in the Ohio Medical College, in Cincinnati. Earl Ransom is a member of the senior class of the high school of Lancaster, Ohio. On December 16, 1896, Rev. Slutz was united in marriage with Miss Ella Eckman Whiley, of Lancaster, Ohio. She is the daughter of Samuel and Mary J. (Eckman) Whiley. Her father had been actively engaged in business in Lancaster for many years and at the time of his death, January 22, 1897, he was secretary and treasurer of the Eagle Machine Company and president of the Farmers' and Citizens' Bank of Lancaster, Ohio. Mr. Whiley had been for many years an active official member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he held official position at the time of his death. His wife was a daughter of Judge John and Jane (Campbell) Eckman, of Greenfield, Ohio. Dr. and Mrs. Slutz had two children: Mary Eleanor, born August 1, 1898; and a baby, born March 13, 1902.

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### EMANUEL HUFFORD.

Emanuel Hufford does not need to read the history of pioneer days to become familiar with the condition which existed in Ohio when this portion of the state was upon the frontier, for practical experience

has made him acquainted with all those conditions. He was born in Hocking county in November, 1844, acquired his early education there prior to the age of thirteen years and then after the removal of the family to





Fairfield county continued his education in the schools here. Later he went to Indiana, where he was employed for a year, and on the expiration of that period he returned to his home and engaged in farming for one year for his father. He then came to the farm upon which he now lives in Rush Creek township, and for one year worked it for his father-in-law. He was successful in his undertakings and was thereby encouraged to secure a home of his own. He was married February 14, 1869, to Miss Mary E. Simpson, a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, and as the years have passed eleven children have been added to their family: Joseph, who is living about one mile east of the village of Flagdale; Martin, who married Nora Burkner, makes his home in Indiana; Eli, who married first Carrie Proctor and after her death Oma Shoemaker became his wife, and is living upon the old family homestead; Sadie, the wife of Frank Grove, residing two miles east of Bremen; Kittie, the wife of S. Shoemaker, living in Rushville; Barbara, the wife of Homer Wright, their residence being about one mile from her father's home; Jennie, the wife of Porter Wright, who

lives upon the farm adjoining her father's; Eliza, the wife of Jim Blasser, at home; Leafy, John and Carl, yet residing with their parents.

In his political views Mr. Hufford is a Democrat, and for a time served as township trustee and has also served as school director. He and his wife are members of the German Reformed church. At the time of his marriage he had earned about five hundred dollars, which he put out at interest and it is there yet. He never rode in a buggy until he was married. On one Saturday morning he walked to Lancaster and after buying a pair of new trousers and a vest and also having his picture taken, he walked back home again, covering a distance of twenty-two miles. On the same day he walked nine miles south to church and again home after the services, covering forty miles that day. In the same year on one occasion he walked eight miles before breakfast. No history of Fairfield county would be complete without mention of the Hufford family, so long have they resided in this part of the state and so active have they been in business affairs, contributing to the general welfare.

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### HON. JOHN GRAYBILL.

John Graybill was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1785, and emigrated to and settled in Greenfield township, Fairfield county, Ohio, where he sided until August 29, 1867, when he fell

asleep, full of years, loved, honored and respected by the entire community.

He served as a private in the war of 1812, and took an active interest in the state militia for many years after the close



of the war. His commissions as ensign, dated August 1, 1813, signed by Return J. Meigs, governor, and as first lieutenant, dated January 1, 1816, signed by Thomas Worthington, governor, still occupy a place on the walls of the library of his grandson, Judge Reeves.

He served as justice of the peace of Greenfield township for over twenty-five years, and a number of his commissions signed by Jeremiah Morrow, Allen Trimble, Duncan McArthur, and a long line of the early governors of Ohio, are still preserved as relics. He served two terms as county commissioner of Fairfield county, and in 1836 and 1837 with William Medill (afterwards governor of Ohio) represented Fairfield county in the Ohio legislature. In the spring of 1838 he was elected by the legislature associate judge of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county for the term of seven years; his commission dated March 9, 1838, signed by Joseph Vance, governor, is still preserved by his grandson, whose commissions as judge of the court of common pleas are dated and signed in November, 1900 and 1901, over sixty-two years thereafter.

Judge Graybill was a Democrat of the Jacksonian type, and took an active part in the politics of Fairfield county. He was the warm personal and political friend of Governors William Medill and William Allen, and of David Tod and John Brough during their adherence to the Democratic party.

On May 19, 1818, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, John Graybill was married to Susanna Lightner Eckert, and a few days

thereafter they bid adieu to their friends and started on their bridal tour "across the mountains" in a Conestoga wagon for their home in Fairfield county, then the "far west." As a memento of this trip their grandson still possesses one of the bridal presents, an old-fashioned china tea set composed of tea pot, sugar bowl, cream pitcher twelve cups and saucers, all perfect, without a nick or crack therein, notwithstanding their long journey in the Conestoga wagon, neatly packed in a brand new feather bed, another present from the mother of the bride.

From its earliest history the city of Lancaster and vicinity has been noted for the high social standing, intelligence and hospitality of its citizens, and in this favored community Mrs. Graybill soon took a prominent social position, which she maintained during her entire life, all recognizing her high social, intellectual and Christian character. She was an earnest, consistent member of the Presbyterian church, having united with the old Leacock church near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, when only sixteen years old. She was the orphans' friend, many of whom reared under her tender care lived to call her blessed and with her many friends mourn her loss, when on March 19, 1876, she was laid to rest.

This union was blessed with only one child, Martha S. Graybill, who married Josiah Reeves, both of whom died leaving their surviving children, John G. Reeves and Samuel L. Reeves, to the tender care and Christian guidance of their grandparents, who nobly fulfilled the sacred trust imposed upon them.



## HON. JOHN G. REEVES.

The record of Hon. John G. Reeves as a man, a soldier, a lawyer and a judge is such as to entitle him to distinction as one of the honored and representative citizens of Fairfield county. He is now serving on the bench of the common pleas court and his incumbency will continue until 1907. He was born near Lancaster, his parents being Josiah and Martha S. (Graybill) Reeves. His father died when the Judge was quite young and the latter was reared upon a farm by his grandfather, Judge John Graybill, with whom he remained until 1861, attending the district schools in his early youth and afterward continuing his studies in the city schools of Lancaster and the Ohio University at Athens, Ohio, until 1860.

In that year Judge Reeves began reading law with the firm of Martin & Schleich, of Lancaster, remaining a student in their office until after the beginning of the Civil war, when, his patriotic spirit was aroused, and he offered his services to the government, enlisting for three years or during the war as a member of the Seventh Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. He was with the First Battalion, which was afterward consolidated with a part of the First Battalion of the Sixth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and in 1863 became the Eleventh Ohio Cavalry. Mr. Reeves enlisted as a private and was appointed orderly sergeant of Company C on the 21st of December, 1861, in which capacity he served about eleven months. On the 21st of September, 1862, he was appointed

second lieutenant of the same company; was made first lieutenant June 9, 1863; and on the organization of the Eleventh Ohio Cavalry was appointed its adjutant. Soon afterward he was made adjutant of the post of Fort Laramie and subsequently was made provost marshal of the district of Fort Laramie. In the spring of 1864 he was appointed assistant inspector of the western division of the district of Nebraska upon the staff of General Robert Mitchell, who was in command of the district of Nebraska. His jurisdiction extended from Julesburg, Nebraska, to South Pass City, Wyoming. He was also chosen as captain of Company L, Eleventh Regiment, but was not mustered in as such on account of the close of the war, but served out his time as inspector, being honorably discharged in April, 1865, at which time he returned home. His regiment was engaged in guarding the overland mail and emigrant route from Julesburg to South Pass and on the South Platte from Julesburg to Ford Halleck. At different times they were engaged in skirmishes with the Indians, the most important being at Mud Springs, which lasted five days. His military service was characterized by the most unflinching performance of duty, even in the face of great danger and most loyally and effectively he aided his country.

Returning immediately to his home, in May, 1865, the Judge was admitted to the bar by the supreme court of Ohio and at once began practice in Lancaster, where he has since remained. In 1880, at Cincinnati,



he was admitted to practice in the United States, circuit and district courts, and on the 5th of March, 1885, he was admitted at Washington, D. C., to practice in the supreme court of the United States. In a trial before court or jury he is strong in argument, logical in deductions and most capable in representing his case and the law bearing upon the points of litigation. In 1867 he was elected city solicitor of Lancaster and served for two successive terms of two years each. In 1871 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Fairfield county, and by re-election was continued in that position for six years. For eight years he was a member of the board of trustees of the Boys' Industrial School, being first appointed by Governor Hoadley and later by Governor Campbell. When not in office he has given his entire attention to the practice of law and won distinctively representative clientage. In November, 1900, he was elected judge of the common pleas court for an unexpired term and in November, 1901, he was elected without opposition for a term of five years, and has continually demonstrated his ability to handle the intricate problems which are continually presented for solution. The legal profession demands a high order of ability, and the judiciary requires not only ability but a rare combination of talent, learning, tact, patience and industry. The successful lawyer and competent judge must be a man of well balanced intellect, thoroughly familiar with the law and practice, of comprehensive general information, possessed of an analytical mind and a self-control that will enable him to lose his individuality, his per-

sonal feelings, his prejudices and his peculiarities of disposition in the dignity, impartiality and equity of office to which life, property, right and liberty must look for protection. Possessing these qualifications Judge Reeves justly merits the honor which has been conferred upon him by his election to the bench.

On the 29th of January, 1866, the Judge was married to Miss Rachel Elizabeth, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Shull) Hooker, of Hooker Station, near Lancaster, and they became the parents of one son, John Harold, who is now a law student. Mrs. Reeves, a most devoted wife and mother, possessing many womanly qualities which endeared her to all, was called to her final rest December 14, 1896, and her death was widely mourned.

The Judge is a Democrat in his political affiliations and is prominent in military and fraternal circles, having served as Grand Commander of the American Legion of Honor for Ohio and as Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Ohio in 1888 and is now Supreme Representative. He is a charter member of Cœur de Lion Company, No. 9, Uniformed Rank, K. P., having served as its captain and also as Judge Advocate General on the staff of J. W. Green, commanding the Ohio Brigade. He is past noble grand of Alpine Lodge, No. 566, I. O. O. F., and past patriarch of Hock Hocking Encampment, No. 7. He took an active part in the formation of Patriarch Militant Branch; was twice elected Brigadier General of the First Brigade of Ohio; and twice elected Major General, commanding the Division of Ohio, at that time com-





posed of eleven states. The Judge is also a member of Lancaster Lodge, No. 57, F. & A. M.; Lancaster Chapter, No. 11, R. A. M.; and Lancaster Commandery, No. 2, K. T. He is a Scottish Rite Mason, having taken the thirty-second degree, and is affiliated with Ohio Sovereign Consistory at Cincinnati. He is a charter member and past commander of Ben Butterfield Post, No. 77, G. A. R., of Lancaster, and served as aide on the staff of the Department Commander, while at present he is on the staff of the National Commander. He is a char-

ter member and past commander of Encampment, No. 12, U. V. L., and at present is aide on the staff of the national commander. He has also filled the office of Grand Regent of the Royal Arcanum. No man in the community stands higher in the esteem of the public than Judge Reeves. He has been identified with all the movements looking to the advancement of the general welfare. The prestige of his past career and the ability he has shown at the bar give basis for the popular prophecy that he is now of the coming jurists of eminence.

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### JACOB WILBERT.

Jacob Wilbert is connected with farming interests of Fairfield county and is also an agricultural implement dealer of Carroll. He is one of the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to the new world and his life record displays many of the sterling characteristics of the people of the fatherland. He was born near Bingen on the Rhine in Prussia in May, 1830, and his father, Valentine Wilbert, was also a native of the same locality, born in 1792. He was a soldier and had many interesting stories to tell of his years' campaign under Napoleon Bonaparte. By occupation he was a farmer, and after having heard many favorable reports concerning the business opportunities offered in the new world, he determined to seek a home and fortune in the

United States. Accordingly with his wife and four children, he started for this country, landing in New York in 1835. He then made his way to Buffalo, Cleveland and Lancaster, completing the journey by canal boat. He had intended going to St. Louis, but the boat in which he had taken voyage had such a large number of passengers that it seemed over crowded and certainly very uncomfortable. When they reached Lancaster, a German residing here told him of the advantages of this county and Mr. Wilbert was thereby induced to locate here. For about three years he worked by the day and then with the money which he had saved from his earnings, he purchased a farm near what is now Logan, Ohio. A year later, however, he sold that property



and near Carroll rented a tract of land, on which he remained for several years, when he purchased a small farm near the village, spending the remainder of his active career upon that property. At length, however, he decided to put aside the arduous cares of agricultural life, sold his farm and purchased a home in Carroll, where he lived in quiet retirement from business until called to his final rest in 1877. He was the father of nine children, six of whom are yet living and four of the number are residents of California, namely: Valentine, an engineer; Martin, a carriage dealer; Fred, a shoe manufacturer; and Peter, who is engaged in the real estate business. Mary Ann became the wife of William Lake, a farmer of Illinois, who is now living retired at his home in Kankakee, that state.

Jacob Wilbert, the sixth surviving member of the family, spent the first five years of his life in the fatherland and then accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, coming with them to Fairfield county. Under the parental roof he spent his childhood and after arriving at years of maturity he married Miss Mary Ann, a daughter of David Hufford, a farmer of Hocking county, Ohio. Nine children were born of this union, but three of the number died in early youth. The six yet living are as follows: Sarah, the wife of Anthony Bender, of the firm of Bender Brothers, carriage manufacturers of Carroll; David H., a locomotive engineer residing in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Catherine, who married Frank S. Carns and resides on a farm adjoining Carroll; William W., a machinist and thresherman, who lives near

Carroll; Ellen, the wife of Daniel Ride-nauer, a farmer living near the village; and Eliza, the wife of Ralph Coffinan, an agriculturist of Greenfield township. Two of the sons, Daniel and David, fought throughout the Civil war in an Ohio regiment and were honorably discharged at the close of hostilities.

In his youth Jacob Wilbert, of this review, had attended the common schools and worked upon his father's farm, so that he was well equipped to engage in agricultural pursuits on his own account at the time of his marriage. In partnership with his father he operated a tract of land until he had accumulated enough money to begin for himself. He then rented a farm, upon which he remained for eighteen years and on the expiration of that period he purchased his present property on section 7, Greenfield township, adjoining the corporation limits of Carroll. As his financial resources have increased he has extended the boundaries of his place by additional purchases until he now has one hundred and forty-five acres. On this stands a commodious dwelling, good barns, a blacksmith shop and feed mills. For many years he has been dealing in agricultural implements and is widely known for his success in business affairs. All that he possesses has been acquired through his own efforts and his back record proves the potency of determination and energy when closely allied with sound business principles.

In public office Mr. Wilbert has also been quite prominent. He has served for several years as township trustee and school director, but his business interests have so



occupied his time that he has not cared to seek office. He is now the vice-president of the Farmers' Institute of Fairfield county. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church and in that faith have reared their children. For more than forty years he has been a class leader and his life of

uprightness, activity and honesty is one well worthy of emulation. Through the assistance of his estimable wife he has reared a family who are an honor to his name and with one exception all of their children are comfortably situated within a mile of the parental home.

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### REUBEN W. MONHANK, M. D.

Dr. Monhank is one of the younger representatives of the medical fraternity in Fairfield county, but his years seem no bar to his ability or to his success, for the former has been the means of gaining him a very creditable position as a practitioner of medicine, his standing in the fraternity being such as many an older physician might well envy. He is now practicing in the village of Royalton and is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of Fairfield county. He was born in Berne township of this county, November 26, 1873. His paternal grandparents are still living, his grandfather, William Monhank, now living a retired life in the city of Lancaster. Throughout the years of his business activity he carried on agricultural pursuits. His birth occurred in Germany and when about twenty-one years of age he bade adieu to friends in the fatherland and sailed for the new world, believing that he might improve his financial condition in this country where

opportunity and effort are not hampered by caste or class. He settled in Fairfield county and for many years resided in Berne township, but during the last twenty years of his connection with agricultural pursuits he made his home in Greenfield township. He is now about eighty-five years of age, one of the revered patriarchs of the community, venerated and respected by all who know him. His wife is also living at about the same age, and both enjoy good health. Mr. Monhank was one of the early settlers of the county and through many years lived a most industrious life, his energy and unflagging diligence enabling him to gradually advance from an humble financial condition to a position of affluence. As his capital increased he made judicious investments in property and became the owner of a valuable farm and city realty. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church and the name has ever been a synonym for all that is honorable in life. Unto



the grandparents of the Doctor were born nine children, and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

The parents of the Doctor are William D. and Mary (Ackers) Monhank, and the father has been identified in Fairfield county and is upbuilding from an early history in its development. He now resides in Berne township at the age of fifty-eight years, and is a prominent and prosperous farmer and stock raiser. His farm is located on the Sugar Grove pike and comprises about two hundred acres of rich land, which he purchased from his father about twenty years ago. He has made many improvements thereon, including the erection of a large, substantial brick residence, a commodious barn and other necessary outbuildings. In fact, he has made this a model farm and is accounted one of the most progressive as well as practical agriculturists of this portion of the state. His political support is given to the Democracy and while he always casts his ballot in support of its men and measures, he has never sought public office. He is devoted to all that tends to improve and further the interests of the community in which he lives, and his influence has ever been on the side of the right, the true and the beautiful. He belongs to the German Lutheran church, of which his wife is also a member. She was born in Fairfield county and is a daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Klinker) Ackers. Her father now resides in Logan, Hocking county, and is a man of considerable prominence and wealth. For many years he resided in Berne township, Fairfield county, Ohio, but

has at length put aside business cares and in the enjoyment of a well earned rest makes his home in Logan. Unto William D. and Mary Monhank were born two children. The daughter, Minnie, is the wife of Charles Hummel, of Columbus, Ohio, who is in the employ of the street railway company there. They have four children, Charles, Randolph, Mildred and an infant.

Reuben W. Monhank, the subject of this review, was born November 26, 1873, and in the district schools of Berne township began his education. When he had mastered the branches of learning usually taught in such institutions, he continued his studies in the high school of the township. In the winter of 1890-1 and through the succeeding winter he was a student in the preparatory school in Lebanon, Ohio, having determined to enter upon the practice of medicine as his life work. He then began preparation for the profession and entered the Ohio Medical University at Columbus, where he pursued a complete course, being graduated in the spring of 1896. In the spring of the same year the college held a competitive examination for internship for the Protestant Hospital at Columbus, and Dr. Monhank was successful in winning the position, which he occupied for eight months. At the end of that period he located at Royalton, Fairfield county, where he at once began the practice of his profession, which he has continued since, his labors resulting in effecting many notable cures. He keeps in touch with the progress made by the medical fraternity through his membership in the State Medical Society,





where the exchange of thought and knowledge adds to the proficiency of all connected with the organization. The Doctor has a large and extensive country practice, covering a radius of six or seven miles in each direction from Royalton.

In April, 1896, the Doctor was married in Lancaster to Miss Anna Cruik, a daughter of William and Mary (Kiger) Cruik. The lady was born in Fairfield county, and their marriage has been blessed with two children: Mary, whose birth occurred in Amanda township, Fairfield county, the 1st of September, 1897; and William Chester, born in the same township on the 28th of July, 1899.

Dr. Monhank and his wife are devoted members of the Methodist church, in which

he has served as one of the trustees and has formerly been recording steward. He is most earnest in his advocacy of the church and does all in his power to promote its growth, and extend its influence. Socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while in his political views he is a staunch Republican. He has no time or desire for public office, however, preferring to give his entire attention to his professional duties, which are continually increasing, as his skill and ability are demonstrated by successful practice. He has due regard for professional principles, his knowledge of the science of medicine is broad and comprehensive and already he has gained an enviable position in his chosen calling.

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## REV. JOHN GOURLEY.

For ten years the Rev. John Gourley has been the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Lancaster and for a quarter of a century has devoted his life to the holy calling, in which his influence has been of no restricted order. He has labored long and faithfully and there has not been denied him the full harvest nor the aftermath. His consecration and zeal in the cause have resulted in advancing the growth and influence of the church and his efforts have been a potent influence in the church, of which he is still the pastor.

Mr. Gourley is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in the vicinity of Greensburg, September 17, 1830. His parents, Samuel and Eliza (Clements) Gourley, were both natives of the Keystone state. The family is of Scotch-Irish lineage, and the great-grandfather of our subject was the first of the name to seek a home in the new world, crossing the Atlantic from the Emerald Isle in 1774, just the year before the outbreak of the Revolutionary war. His son, John Gourley, the grandfather of our subject, owned and operated a farm in



Pennsylvania and there married Miss Margaret Stephenson. Upon the old family homestead, Samuel S. Gourley was born and reared and throughout his entire life he engaged in agricultural pursuits, remaining a resident of the Keystone state until called to the home beyond. His political support was given the Republican party but he never turned aside from the strict path of business to enter the political field. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the Presbyterian church and endeavored to bring up their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

Thus the Rev. John Gourley, now of Lancaster, was reared amid the refining influences of a good Christian home. He worked in the fields and aided in all the work usually required of boys of that period. He began his education in the common school of the neighborhood and later continued his studies in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He next became a student in Saker Academy and still later in Washington and Jefferson College, of Pennsylvania, in which he was graduated with the class of 1874. His literary education being completed, he then began preparation for the high and holy offices of the church, having determined to devote his life to the work of the ministry. He entered the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, and was graduated in 1877. He at once entered upon the work for which the years of previous study had been a preparation, becoming pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Indiana county, where he remained for six years. For seven years he was located at Lewistown, Pennsylvania, as

pastor of the First Presbyterian church, a large and influential one, and in 1893 he came to Lancaster to accept the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church here. Ten years have since passed, during which time the church has made a steady and healthful growth, now having a membership of two hundred and fifty. The house of worship, which is a handsome structure, was erected in 1892. It is built in a modern and attractive style of architecture and the seating is well planned for the comfort of the five hundred auditors who can there be accommodated. It was erected at a cost of twenty thousand dollars and is free from debt. The church work is well organized in its various departments and is a potent element in the moral development and progress of the community.

On the 24th of May, 1877, Rev. Gourley led to the marriage altar Miss Lizzie A. Harvey, of Delmont, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Joseph and Mary A. (Metzger) Harvey. The marriage has been blessed with five children: Frank B., a resident of Lancaster; Mary E., Joseph Harvey, John Steele and Margaret Stephenson, yet under the parental roof.

Rev. Gourley is the state clerk of the Presbytery of Columbus, and is widely known in Presbyterian circles as one of the gifted ministers of the denomination. A man of strong intellect and broad human sympathies, his argument and oratory are many times effective in inducing his hearers to follow higher ideals in life and his zeal and earnestness in behalf of the church have contributed in effective measure to its growth and upbuilding.



## PERRY T. STOVER.

The business interests of Carroll are well represented by Perry T. Stover, an enterprising harness maker of that place, whose present business has been conducted so capably that he has gained gratifying success and at the same time has won the confidence and good will of the public. He is one of Fairfield county's native sons, for his birth occurred January 25, 1851, upon a farm owned by his maternal grandfather, Madison Jones, in Madison township. His father, Simon Stover, was born in 1828 on his father's farm in Pennsylvania and was a representative of an old Pennsylvania Dutch family. His educational and other advantages were limited but he possessed resolution and enterprise and these qualities enabled him to advance steadily in his business career. In early manhood he married Margaret Jones, a daughter of Madison Jones, a farmer and tanner, who was also extensively engaged in the cultivation of grapes in eastern Pennsylvania, where he owned about one thousand acres of land. It was about 1835 that Simon Stover, the father of our subject, came to Fairfield county, taking up his abode upon a tract of land in Madison township, where he remained with his father until reaching man's estate. Later he engaged in general merchandising at Lockville, but after a few years he sold that business and removed to Columbus, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his business career as a traveling salesman, representing a dry goods jobbing house of the capital city. There his death

occurred in 1892. He left seven children: Frank, who is now a yardmaster at St. Louis; William, a railroad man of the same city; Jane, the wife of a cigar manufacturer of Cuddington, Kentucky; Clara, the wife of Milton Sanford, a bridge contractor of Columbus, Ohio; Harriett, who married Nelson Brink, also of Columbus; and Alice, the widow of Charles Angel, of the same city.

Perry T. Stover, the seventh surviving member of the family, learned the harness-making business in all its branches and is a thorough and expert workman. His success is largely due to the fact that he has applied himself with unrelenting diligence to the work in which, as a young tradesman, he embarked. Many of the failures of life come through lack of close application and the tendency to continually change ones occupation, but Mr. Stover has persevered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and his efforts have been so discerningly directed along lines of industrial activity that he is now at the head of a good business and is accounted one of the honored and honorable merchants of the pretty and thriving town of Carroll.

On the 9th of May, 1878, occurred the marriage of Mr. Stover and Miss Margaret Johnson, a daughter of Squire A. J. Johnson, a merchant and wood dealer of Lithopolis, who came to this city from Rockingham, Virginia. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Stover has been blessed with two children: Alice, born September 5, 1879, is



the wife of William Liest, a molder, residing in Lancaster; and Lillie M., born November 2, 1881, is the wife of Delbert Anthony, a molder, of Carroll. Our subject and his wife have a pleasant home in Carroll, where he has spent the greater part of his life and where he declares he will remain until called to the home beyond. He

has received fair treatment at the hands of his fellow townsmen because he has rendered such to them, and as the years have passed he has gradually increased his business and become a prosperous merchant here. In the spring of 1902 he was elected by the town as marshal for a term of two years.

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### JOHN B. KELLER.

John B. Keller was for many years successfully engaged in the grocery business in Lancaster, but has now retired from mercantile interests and gives his attention only to the supervision of his farms and to his invested interests. He is a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, where his birth occurred on the 14th of April, 1839. His father, John Keller, was a native of the same locality and there acquired a good common school education and was married. About 1854 he emigrated with his family to the United States, taking passage on a sailing vessel, which, after a voyage of five weeks, dropped anchor in the harbor of New York. From the eastern metropolis Mr. Keller made his way at once to Lancaster, Ohio, where he remained until his death. His wife had passed away in her native land during the infancy of her son, John B.

John B. Keller was eighteen years of age when he came to the United States. While in the old country he had learned

the miller's trade, which he continued to follow for some years. At Lancaster, Ohio, he entered the service of Mr. Seifred, for whom he worked for eighteen months, after which he accepted a clerkship in a grocery store at Logan, Ohio, but at the outbreak of the Civil war he returned to Lancaster and joined a company, which was here being raised for a service of three months. It became Company D, of the Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was commanded by Colonel Connell. The regiment was ordered to West Virginia to guard points in that state. On the expiration of three months Mr. Keller re-enlisted in the same company for three years. This command was ordered to Kentucky and took part in the battle of Mill Spring and later in the engagements at Murfreesboro, Perryville and Chickamauga. At the last named place he was severely wounded by a gunshot through the left elbow. It disabled him for further duty and he was then taken to





the hospital at Chickamauga and sometime afterward was sent to Nashville, Tennessee, and then to Louisville, Kentucky, and subsequently to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained in Camp Demison until honorably discharged on the 28th of May, 1863.

At the close of his military services Mr. Keller returned to Logan, Ohio, where he established a grocery store, which he conducted on his own account. In April, 1865, however, he returned to Lancaster and here engaged in the grocery trade, building up a large and profitable business, which he conducted until 1889, when he retired from mercantile life, and his son, Chris, took charge of the business, and is now proprietor of two of the most modern and up-to-date grocery stores in the city. He is also president of the Lancaster board of trade. Mr. Keller's business career was without exciting incidents or speculation, and along legitimate lines of trade he gained a handsome competence. He now devotes his time to farming. His lands are well tilled under his supervision, employing hired help, and upon the farms are a large number of hogs and cattle. Mr. Keller owns valuable

city properties and having thus made judicious investments in real estate is now accounted one of the prosperous citizens of the community.

In 1865 our subject was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hartman, also a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and a daughter of Henry and Eva (Lortz) Hartman. In their family are eight children, two sons and six daughters, namely: Christian, Christine, Elizabeth, John, Margaret, Rose, Ida and Clara. In his political views Mr. Keller is a Democrat, with firm faith in the principles of the party, and upon that ticket he was elected to the city council, in which he served for five years. He and his family are members of the German Lutheran church and are people of the highest respectability, enjoying the warm regard of all who know them. Mr. Keller owes his advancement in life to his own efforts, his sterling worth, his integrity above question, his indefatigable industry and strong resolution—these have been his salient characteristics and have won him an enviable position among the substantial residents of his adopted county.

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### THOMAS GINGRICH.

One of the beautiful country homes of Fairfield county is that occupied by Thomas Gingrich, of Amanda township. It is a large and commodious brick structure, which

was erected at a cost of three thousand dollars and forms a most pleasing feature in the landscape. It stands in the midst of a valuable and constantly cultivated farm, which



indicates careful supervision and a progressive and practical spirit. He is classed among the highly respected citizens of the county and well does he deserve to be thus ranked. His birth occurred near Meyers-town, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, on the 22d of March, 1831. His father, Michael Gingrich, was born in the same county and there spent his entire life. When the days of his minority were past he sought a companion and helpmate for life's journey and chose Polly Moore, also a native of the Keystone state. They lived upon a farm in Lebanon county and were people of respectability and worth. The father was a prosperous and enterprising man in his community, and accumulated considerable property, becoming the owner of several farms. His death occurred in the place of his nativity when he was about seventy-seven years of age, and his wife passed away in the same county when our subject was only six years of age. Both held membership in the Lutheran church and were earnest Christian people. In their family were eight children, but only three of the number are now living. Our subject was the third in order of birth. His brothers are: Peter, who makes his home in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and is connected with the iron furnaces, where his children are also employed; and John, a substantial and progressive farmer of Illinois.

Thomas Gingrich passed the days of his boyhood and youth in the county of his birth, and when twenty-one years of age he came to Ohio and took up his abode in Liberty township, Fairfield county, where he remained for fourteen years. He then engaged in the milling business, purchasing

the old Bright mill in Liberty township. Subsequently he removed to Amanda township and located on the farm on which he now resides, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of rich, arable and valuable land. He tilled it and placed it under a high state of cultivation. It is now rented by his children, who are prospering finely. Stock raising also claims a part of their attention. The home is not only one of the finest country residences in this part of the state, but is also celebrated for its gracious hospitality. Mr. Gingrich put up barns and other buildings, secured the latest improved machinery to facilitate farm work and added all the modern equipments and accessories known to a model farm of the twentieth century. So when it came into the hands of the present owners it was one of the best farms in the county. As the financial resources of the family have increased they have also extended the boundaries of the place by the additional purchase of forty acres, which is now owned by the children and which is maintained as a separate farm by itself.

In all his work Mr. Gingrich was assisted and encouraged by his wife, who in her maidenhood bore the name of Emeline Kissenger. She was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and when about twelve or fifteen years of age came to Ohio. She was a devoted member of the Evangelical church, and was a kind and loving wife and mother. Her death came as a great blow to her family. She passed away on the sixty-eighth anniversary of her birth, dying on the 23d of February, 1901. Four of her seven children survive her: Millie, who is the wife



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of Charles Borchers, a resident farmer of Amanda township, by whom she has one daughter, Lucille; Isaac, who is at home; Laura, who for ten years engaged in school teaching in Amanda; and Flora J., also under the parental roof. Those who have passed away are: William S., who died at the age of five years; Allie, who died at the age of sixteen years; and Charles, who died at the age of twenty-one. Mr. Gingrich votes with the Democratic party, but

has never had any desire for public office and takes no active part in political work. He is, however, a public-spirited citizen, who co-operates in all measures for the general good. He belongs to the Evangelical Association, with which he has been identified for forty-five years. In the upbuilding of the church in his township he has taken an active and helpful interest and given freely of his time and means for the promotion of the cause.

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### HARRY A. P. HILL.

Those who have contributed in any measure to public good, who have promoted business affairs, who have aided in the work of advancing the general welfare, deserve mention in the history of the county in which they have lived. Harry Augustus Pomeroy Hill was a citizen of worth, highly respected in Fairfield county. He was born in Washington county, Ohio, May 3, 1828. His father, Harry Hill, was also a native of that county, born in 1783, and in the year 1840 he came with his family to this portion of the state, settling in Clarksburg, where he made his home until called to his final rest. He was a colonel in the home militia of Washington county. He also served as justice of the peace a great many years and in religious belief he was a Presbyterian.

Harry A. P. Hill obtained his early ed-

ucation in the district schools of his native county and later continued his studies in the public schools of this county. When about nineteen or twenty years of age he went to work for his father upon the farm and was thus engaged until he began farming on his own account in order to maintain his home. As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life he chose Miss Lucinda Alford, a native of Burlington, Vermont. She was one of a family of nine children born unto James and Almira (Chase) Alford, natives of the Green Mountain state. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hill was celebrated in 1850 and was blessed with four children, namely: Edward A. P., a resident of Columbus, Ohio, married Agnes Flora Baumgardner, and they have one child, Clyde B.; Lizzie Ellen is the wife of M. B. Prindle, of Charlestown, West Vir-





ginia, and the mother of two children, Kate Hill and Helen Maria; Kate Luella is at home with her mother; Charles William passed away in 1900 at the age of thirty-seven years. He married Amy Ackers, who is still living and they became the parents of three children: Florence, who passed away June 22, 1901; Ruth M. and Helen L.

When thirty-three years of age Harry A. P. Hill located upon the home farm, at that time comprising ninety-seven and one-half acres of good land. He possessed strong literary tastes and when not engaged with the duties of the farm was always reading, thus gradually extending his knowledge into many channels. He took a deep and active interest in everything pertaining to the public welfare and withheld his support from no movement or measure which he believed would benefit his fellow-men. He was largely instrumental in se-

curing the building of the new road thirteen years ago. It was constructed east and west from the state road to the farm pike and as a public highway has proved of great value. In his political views Mr. Hill was a Republican, who served as supervisor and as school director for a number of years. He was a member and steward of the Methodist Episcopal church and all of his family retained membership with that denomination. Domestic in his tastes and habits, he found his greatest happiness when with his wife and children at his own fireside and he considered no personal sacrifice too great that would promote the welfare or enhance the happiness of his family. His loss was therefore very greatly felt by them, and the entire community mourned one whom it had known only to respect and honor. He passed away April 15, 1891, after a lingering illness of twenty-two months.

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## HENRY DRESBACH DRUM.

Henry Dresbach Drum, a farmer and dairyman, residing on section 17, Greentown township, was born in Lancaster, Ohio, June 3, 1829. His father, Henry Drum, was a native of Virginia and married Maria Hauchman, who was a native of Maryland. They came to Lancaster in 1817 and the father established a cooper shop, in the conduct of which enterprise he met with gratifying success. With the money thus acquired he entered into partnership with a

Mr. McCrackens in the establishment of a general mercantile store. After a number of years, however, he sold his interest in that business, but conducted his cooper shop for some time thereafter. For many years he was a justice of the peace and was serving as postmaster of Lancaster at the time of his death in March, 1835. He left a widow and seven children, two of whom are still living, the younger being Jacob, who resides at Fort Scott, Kansas.



The elder, Henry Dresbach Drum, spent his early days upon a farm and faithfully engaged in the operation of a portable saw-mill. He offered his services to the government as a Union soldier at the time of the Civil war but was rejected on account of disability. Later, when the governor of Ohio called for volunteers to protect the state from the threatened invasion, he was among the first to respond to the call. The company elected Kit Ruffner as its captain and they were known as the Squirrel Hunters. Each man brought his rifle and ammunition and some provisions to the fields of encampment. Our subject still has his discharge papers in which he was called Dresbach Drum, as that was the name by which he went into the service in order to be distinguished from his father, whose first name was Henry, the same as his own. The discharge papers bear the names of David Tod, governor, P. P. Lane, colonel commanding, and Major Malcolm McDowell. Mr. Drum also has another historical document, a transcript of the resolutions of thanks to the Squirrel Hunters, passed by the Ohio legislature March 4, 1863, signed by the governor.

On the 18th of September, 1865, Mr. Drum was united in marriage by the Rev.

Thomas Drake to Susan Feters, a daughter of Thomas Feters, a farmer near Lancaster, who was born on the old family homestead which his father had entered from the government many years before. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Drum have been born five children, but Sarah died in early womanhood. Those still living are: Mary J., Cora B. and Maudie M., who are at home; and Thomas H., who wedded Mary Gierhardt and resides on one of the old home farms in a new house built for him just opposite the parental home.

In early life Mr. Drum was a Jackson Democrat, giving his support to that party until the inauguration of the Civil war, since which time he has supported the Republican party. He and his family attend the Methodist church and as a citizen he is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of the community. Mr. Drum's time is largely occupied by his extensive business and is thereby winning creditable success. He has a large herd of Jersey cattle which he has bred up to a high standard. His farm is located along the Lancaster pike within a mile of Carroll and its high state of fertility can be judged from the fact that recently he sold twenty acres for one hundred dollars per acre.

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### AMBROSE LARGER.

Ambrose Larger is a prosperous and enterprising business man whose well directed efforts indicate his capability, his keen discernment and resolute firmness. He has

long been a factor in public life, serving as postmaster of Hamburg for many years, and is a most highly respected citizen.

Mr. Larger was born in Alsace, France,



now a province of Germany, on the 13th of April, 1850, and is a son of Francis Larger, who served in the French army for fourteen years. By occupation he was stationary engineer and he spent his life in his native country, dying in Alsace, where his wife also spent her entire life. In their family were five children, three sons and two daughters, of whom four are still living: Francis, who died in Alsace when about sixty years of age; Aloysius, who was a member of the French army and is now employed as an engineer in the watch factory in Columbus, Ohio; Josephine, the widow of Jacob Bobenrieth, by whom she had a son, Joseph, now residing with his mother in Felleringer, Alsace; Margaret, the wife of Joseph Sifferlen, who is employed as a car repairer in the railroad shops in Columbus, and by whom she has two children, Ambrose and Joseph; and Ambrose, who is the subject of this review and the youngest of the sons of the family.

Ambrose Larger spent the first seventeen years of his life in the land of his nativity, during which time he attended the public schools. In the year 1867 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and landed at New York, but did not tarry long in the eastern metropolis, making his way to Lancaster, Ohio, where he had an uncle who was engaged in the tanning business. This was Joseph Wissang, and Mr. Larger remained with him, assisting him in the work of the tannery until the death of Mr. Wissang, which occurred in 1876. In that year Mr. Larger went to Cincinnati, where he completed the task of learning the

tanner's trade. For two years he remained in that city and then returned to Fairfield county, taking charge of the tannery at Hamburg, in Hocking township. This he conducted until about 1885. He was appointed postmaster of Hamburg by President Grant and served until the office was discontinued. Later, however, the office was re-established and he was reappointed by President Cleveland, serving during both administrations of that Democratic executive, although he is a staunch Republican. He then resigned and went to Columbus, where he accepted a position as car inspector, remaining in the capital city for four years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Hamburg and was reappointed postmaster by President McKinley in 1898, since which time he has continuously served. In connection with discharging the duties of this office he is also conducting a grocery store, the only one at Hamburg. It is well stocked with a large and carefully selected line of staple and fancy groceries and he is enjoying the liberal patronage which comes from many of the leading farmers throughout this portion of the country.

On the 14th of June, 1881, Mr. Larger was united in marriage in Lancaster to Miss Lavina Brown, who was born in Lancaster and is a daughter of Francis Brown, a stonemason who followed his trade for many years in the county seat. Their wedding has been blessed with three children: Annie, who is now nineteen years of age; Frank, who is attending school; and Edward, who is also pursuing his education. All of the children were born in Hocking



township. Mr. Larger and his family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church. He is truly a self-made man, for he had no capital when, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he crossed the briny deep. He placed his dependence upon earnest effort, unremitting diligence and laudable ambition, and gradually he has ad-

vanced until he has acquired a handsome competence. He is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens as a man of upright dealing, and that he is a worthy public officer is strongly indicated by the fact that he has been so long continued in the position of postmaster under several different administrations.

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### GEORGE A. LUTZ.

Among the business men whose progressive and enterprising efforts contribute to the substantial upbuilding and commercial activity of Amanda is George A. Lutz, a member of the firm of Lutz Brothers, dealers in dry goods and groceries. Throughout his entire life he has resided in Ohio, and is a representative of one of its honored pioneer families. His birth occurred in Salt Creek township, Pickaway county, on the 13th of July, 1858. His father, Levi Lutz, was born in the same township in 1830, but the grandfather, John Lutz, was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania. His brother, Samuel, lived to the advanced age of one hundred and two years. It was John Lutz who established the family in Ohio, emigrating to Pickaway county, where he cast in his lot with the early settlers. Amid the wild scenes of frontier days Levi Lutz was reared and assisted in the arduous task of developing and cultivating a new farm. He married Hannah Mowery, who was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway

county, in 1832. Her father, Peter Mowery, was a native of Pennsylvania and a representative of an old Dutch family. He, too, was numbered among the early settlers of Pickaway county. In the year 1859 the father of our subject removed with his family to Fairfield county and settled on a farm one and a quarter miles south of Amanda. There his wife died in the spring of 1870. She was the mother of seven children: Sarah E., who died in 1883; George A., the subject of this review; Laura A.; Carrie J., who died in 1884; Emma M., the wife of Porter Conrad, a farmer who resides in Amanda township; Edmund, a member of the firm of Lutz Brothers; and Milton C.

In the usual manner of farm lads of the period George A. Lutz was reared. The sun shown down upon many a field which he plowed and planted, for he assisted in the farm work through the summer months and in the winter season attended the schools of Clear Creek township, remaining upon the home farm until twenty-five years





of age. In 1883 he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Kiefaber, of Clear Creek township, a daughter of Bernard and Elizabeth (Brown) Kiefaber. The young couple began their domestic life in Clear Creek township, but in 1887 removed to Tennessee, spending four years upon a farm in Obion county. On the expiration of that period they took up their abode in Oakland, Fairfield county, Ohio, where Mr. Lutz engaged in merchandising for ten years. On the expiration of that period he came to Amanda township and soon afterward settled in the village of Amanda, where he and his brother established their present store under the firm name of Lutz Brothers. Here they are carrying a large and well selected stock of general merchandise and receive a liberal patronage.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lutz has

been blessed with four children: Leslie K., Willie M., Fred A. and Estelle. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, take a very active part in its work and contribute liberally to its support. Mr. Lutz is now serving as one of its trustees and for a number of years has been a teacher in the Sunday-school. He served as postmaster in Clear Creek township, and has also been called upon to administer estates. Fraternally he is connected with Central Star Lodge, No. 489, K. P. His life record shows that the qualifications necessary for success are a high ambition and a resolute, honorable purpose to reach the standard that has been set up. From an early day he has been dependent upon his own resources and has won the proud American title of a self-made man. He enjoys the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

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## ALOYS FROMLET.

Aloys Fromlet, a son of Joseph and Barbara (Frick) Fromlet, was born May 1, 1850, in Leichtenstein, a small province on the border of Switzerland. His parents and four children, of whom Aloys was the youngest, emigrated to this country in the spring of 1851 and landed at New Orleans during the cholera epidemic. The mother and one child succumbed to the dread disease before the family reached St. Louis and were buried near Cairo, Illinois. The

father and his three boys, Peter, Ferdinand and Aloys, located in Dayton, Ohio, where he enlisted in the Union army and served until the close of the Civil war, when he returned to Dayton, and resided there until the close of his life, in 1888. The family name was originally Fromelt.

Aloys learned the trade of a tinner in Cincinnati, Ohio, and in 1870 he located in Rantoul, Illinois, where he engaged in the tin and hardware business. On the 19th of



December, 1872, he was married to Miss Margaret Karr, of Champaign county, Illinois, who died March 17, 1879, leaving one child, Laura Maude, who still survives her father. In 1880 he removed to Chicago, where he remained several years, and then located in Anderson, Indiana, where he conducted a dry goods and millinery store until 1889, when he came to Lancaster, Ohio, and opened the store called the Lion store, Fromlet Brothers & Ward being partners, to which business Mr. Fromlet succeeded as sole owner in 1895.

On the 18th of June, 1896, Mr. Fromlet was united in marriage to Miss Julia E. Beck, the only surviving daughter of

the late George G. and Maria Louise Beck. On March 8, 1897, after a short illness, he passed to the great beyond, when in his forty-seventh year. Wherever he had resided he had gained many warm friends, his affable and courteous manners and his upright way in conducting his business winning for him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he had any dealings. He was the first dry goods merchant in Lancaster to introduce the cash system. After his death his daughter Maude purchased an interest in his business with J. O. James as partner. The following year, however, she sold out to Mr. James and went to London, England, where she has since resided.

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## HERBERT F. MECHLING.

Herbert F. Mechling, who is capably filling the office of city clerk of Lancaster, is an enterprising, progressive man, widely and favorably known in Fairfield county. He was born in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of October, 1861, his parents being the Rev. George W. and Amanda (Trimble) Mechling. For thirty-seven years the father has been pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church in Lancaster, and has had the degree of D. D. conferred upon him. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, while his wife is a native of Columbus, Ohio, and on the moral development of the com-

munity they have exerted strong and beneficial influence.

Under the paternal roof, Herbert F. Mechling spent the days of his childhood and at the usual age entered the public schools of Lancaster. Subsequently he was a student in Eastman's Commercial College at Poughkeepsie, New York, and was there graduated with the class of 1881. He entered upon his business career in the east, spending one year in the sugar refinery in New York city. Returning then to Lancaster, he accepted a position as bookkeeper in the Fairfield County Bank and after remaining for some time went to Columbus,



Ohio, where for ten years he was employed as a bookkeeper and traveling salesman for Samuel Buthe & Company. His next home was in Hume, Illinois, where he embarked in the cattle business under the firm name of Woods & Mechling. Later, however, he disposed of his interests in the west and returned to Lancaster, where he became manager for F. C. Nelbe, proprietor of the Alleghany quarries. Since September, 1895, however, he has been continuously in official service, having at that time been elected city clerk, in which capacity he has served continuously since, his present term expiring in the spring of 1903, at which time he will have been the incumbent of the office for eight years. He is very accurate, thorough and systematic in the discharge of his duties, and his record is one of which he has every reason to be proud, for it has brought him high encomiums and the unqualified commendation of those who are familiar with the work of the office.

In November, 1891, Mr. Mechling was married to Miss Anna L. Getz, a daughter

of Henry and Christina (Latter) Getz, her parents belonging to old families of Fairfield county, and Mrs. Mechling was born, reared and educated in the city of Lancaster. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children, Ruth E. and George W. She holds membership in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, one of the oldest religious organizations of Lancaster. Mr. Mechling belongs to the Bismark Club and since its organization, in 1897, has served as its secretary. His political support is given the Democracy and he takes an active part in local, county and state politics. He was for two years secretary of the department of state supervisors of Fairfield county and his labors in behalf of his party have been effective and far-reaching. Having long resided in Lancaster, he has a wide acquaintance here and the friends of his boyhood have continued their high regard for him throughout the years of his manhood, a fact which indicates his sterling worth and his fidelity to all qualities of an upright manhood.

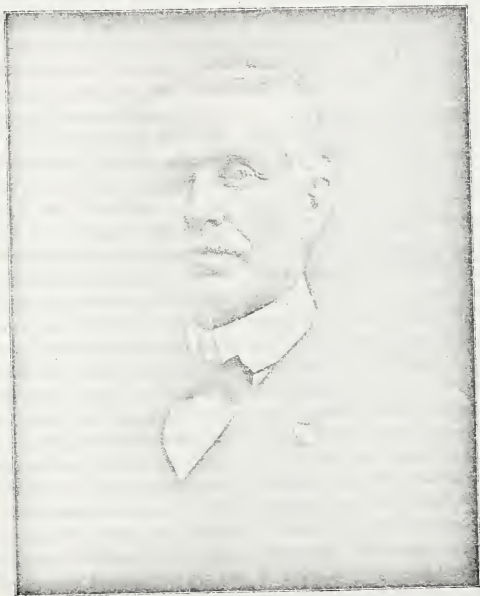
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### HENRY C. WILLIAMSON.

Henry C. Williamson is a retired farmer in blue during the Civil war. He is now living in a pleasant home in Lancaster, enjoying the fruit of former toil. He was born in Bloom township, this county, on the 13th of October, 1843. His father, George W.

Williamson, was a native of Virginia, born in 1801, and the great-grandfather was George Williamson, Sr., whose birth occurred in Scotland and who was one of the old school Presbyterians. The grandparents of our subject were Theodore and Rhoda





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(Prater) Williamson, who in 1808 removed with their family of ten children to Ohio, taking up their abode in Bloom township, Fairfield county, where the grandfather purchased one hundred and sixty acres in the green woods. The first house was a log cabin about sixteen by twenty feet. It contained one room, which served the purpose of kitchen, parlor and bedroom. Although the quarters were not very commodious, hospitality reigned supreme and many a guest was received beneath their pioneer roof. Indians were far more numerous than the white people and in motley garb stalked through the forest, which they claimed as their dominion until encroaching civilization caused them to seek homes further west. The Williamson family endured all the hardships and privations incident to the settlement of a new country. Game was plentiful and the greater part of the meat for the family table was secured through the use of the rifle in the forest. In the family were six sons, including George W. Williamson, and all aided in the arduous task of developing and improving the new farm.

After arriving at years of maturity George W. Williamson was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Kemp, of Fairfield county, a daughter of Henry and Mary Kemp. They became the parents of ten children, nine of whom reached adult age: Theodore, born September 8, 1824, resides at Hilliard, Ohio; Sarah, born February 14, 1827, married Zephiniah Courtright; Zeruah, born July 18, 1829, married William Coffman; Martha, born October 14, 1831, married Solomon Alspach, of Missouri;

Lorinda, born June 28, 1834, became the wife of John E. Courtright of Paulding, Ohio; Evaline died in childhood; Elizabeth, born January 28, 1839, married Israel Bolenbaugh and is now deceased; Amanda, born August 10, 1841, married John Coffman, and is also deceased; Henry C., is the next of the family; and William A., born March 7, 1846, still resides on the old home farm in Bloom township.

In taking up the personal history of Henry C. Williamson we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely known in Fairfield county, having spent his entire life within its borders. In the usual manner of farmer lads of the period he spent the days of his boyhood and youth, pursuing his education in the district schools in the winter months and working in field and meadow in the summer. He was thus engaged until 1862, when, at his country's call for troops, he enlisted as a member of the Union army, joining Company D, Ninetieth Ohio Infantry, under command of Colonel Ross. He served for two years and four months and participated in many important engagements which lead to final victory, including those at Stone River, Franklin, Chattanooga, Chickamauga and Nashville, Tennessee. At the last named he sustained a severe wound, a shot piercing his right arm and shattering the bone so that the member had to be amputated close to the shoulder. He was taken to the hospital, where he remained six weeks, at the end of which time he started for home, taking passage on a steamboat at Louisville, Kentucky, but while en route was stricken with small-



pox and transferred to the pest hospital at Covington, Kentucky. In September, 1865, he received an honorable discharge and returned to his home, having made a great sacrifice for his country, yet happy in the consciousness that he had done his full duty in preserving the Union and aiding in the abolishment of slavery.

For a short time after his return home Mr. Williamson continued his education in the home schools and then entered Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, where he pursued his studies for a year, and later he took a course in the commercial college at Zanesville, Ohio. He then returned to the old homestead in Bloom township, where he again engaged in general farming and stock raising and throughout the active years of his business career carried on agricultural pursuits.

In December, 1871, Mr. Williamson was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Tipton, of Fairfield county. She was born in Licking county, Ohio, November 27, 1844, and is the second daughter of John C. and Medina M. (Wheeler) Tipton. Her father was a native of Virginia, and when sixteen years of age came to Ohio with his parents, Joshua and Elizabeth Tipton, the family locating in Linville, Licking county. When young he learned the brick mason's trade, which he followed during the greater part of his life. He married Medina M. Wheeler, a native of Pickaway county, Ohio, and a daughter of Isaac and Mary Wheeler. This marriage resulted in the birth of the following children: Mary E., who became the wife of Henry Snelling, of

Licking county, now proprietor of a hotel in Ashville, Pickaway county; Sarah A., wife of our subject; Benjamin F., a resident of Bloom township, Fairfield county; William J., a farmer of Franklin county; John C., a resident of Royalton; and Jennie E., now Mrs. Henry Pontius, of Lancaster. Mrs. Tipton died on a farm in Bloom township, March 13, 1890, and Mr. Tipton passed away at the home of our subject, October 15, 1900. Six children have been born to our subject and his wife, namely: Cora M. is now the wife of Frank Barr, of this county, and they have three children: Alvin Williamson, Eva Ruth and Floyd Ellsworth. Lillian E. died September 10, 1877, at the age of two years and seven months. Stella Annetta is at home. Ada F. is now teaching school. Achsa Futilla and Machsa Florilla, twins, were graduated from the Lancaster high school in June, 1902, and reside at home.

After his marriage Mr. Williamson began farming on his own account on a ninety-three-acre farm in Bloom township, which was deeded to him by his father. When his financial resources increased he added to his possessions by the purchase of an additional tract of one hundred and thirteen acres and thus was the owner of more than two hundred acres. The care and labor which he bestowed upon his fields brought to him excellent harvests and through the sale of his products he acquired a good financial return for his labors. In 1895 he removed from the farm to Lancaster, where he has since resided. He has two and one-half acres of land here, upon which is a pleasant residence



and good, substantial buildings. In his political affiliations Mr. Williamson is a Republican when national issues are involved, but at local elections votes independently, regarding only the capability and trustworthiness of the candidate. He is a member of the Union Veteran Legion and the Encampment, and as a citizen is as true to-day to his

country as when he wore the blue uniform of the Union and followed the old flag on southern battle-fields. The success which has crowned his efforts is well merited, for without capital he entered upon his business career and steadily has he advanced until he is now the possessor of a comfortable competence.

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### JOHN P. HARMON.

John P. Harmon is a representative of one of the oldest families of Fairfield county and the farm upon which he lives on section 27, Pleasant township, has been in possession of the family for more than a century. In the house, which is still his home, three generations of the family have been born. His grandfather, John P. Harmon, came to this county from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1800, settling in Pleasant township about the same time as the Macklins, the Buchanans and the Bonseys. He purchased a large tract of land and latter erected a house which is still standing upon the farm and is now owned by John P. Harmon of this review. For about a century it has looked forth upon the conditions which have made the history of this portion of the state. It is one of the old landmarks of the county and is of peculiar interest to the family on account of the ancestral connections with the place.

John P. Harmon, the father of our sub-

ject, was born in November, 1804, in this house and loved the spot so well that he was never far away from the farm throughout his entire life. His final resting place is in sight of the old home, for his remains were interred on the farm. He was united in marriage to Eliza Hudelle, who was born in Frederick county, Virginia, her father, Andrew Hudelle, having been a planter of that state. They became the parents of eleven children, of whom six are yet living: B. F., a farmer of Stark county, Ohio; C. B., who is in the teaming business in Lancaster; John P. who resides on the home farm; Victoria, the wife of David Ruffner, a farmer of Mercer county, Ohio; Medora, the wife of J. D. Spitler, also an agriculturist of Mercer county; and Ella, the wife of Jesse Rose, a farmer of the same county.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for John P. Harmon during his boyhood and youth. He early became familiar with the work of



the home farm and assisted in the cultivation of the fields from the time of spring planting until crops were garnered in the autumn. During the winter months he attended the district schools. After arriving at years of maturity he wedded Rebecca Ruffner and unto them have been born seven children: Ora, Ethel, Mabel, Fannie, Martha, Mary and Frederick. Mary and Martha are twins. All are still under the parental roof and are being provided with good educational privileges to fit them for the practical and responsible duties of life.

Mr. Harmon comes of a long lived family, of quiet industrious tillers of the soil, and many of them have lived to be over

ninety years of age. The old homestead is improved with many modern equipments to facilitate the farm work. Upon the place is a pear tree which was planted by his father when a boy of about ten years. This would make the tree over eighty years of age and the remarkable fact is that each year it bears fruit and appears still to be in a healthy condition. Our subject and his wife hold membership in the United Brethren church and earnestly endeavor to follow the teachings of the Master, rearing their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Their genuine worth and fidelity to the principles in which they believe have won for him many friends.

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## HENRY BOYER.

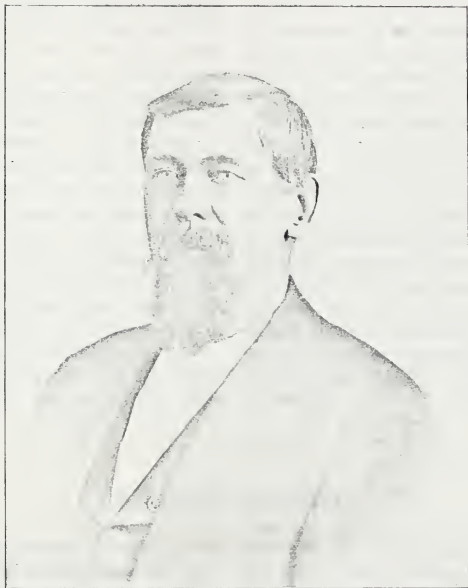
In the days of his infancy Henry Boyer was brought to Fairfield county, where he has since resided. He was born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, November 24, 1837, and it was the following year that his parents came to the Buckeye state. He is a son of John and Susana (Rodebaugh) Boyer, who were also natives of Pennsylvania. Loading some of their household effects on a wagon they drove across the country to Carroll, Ohio, arriving in about the middle of November, 1838. They took up their abode upon the farm where the subject of this review now lives and the father there reached the age of sixty-eight years, while

his wife passed away at the age of seventy years. In their family were eight children: Isaac, George and Jacob, who are now deceased; Charles; Mary Ann; Henry; William and Sarah.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Henry Boyer in his youth. The sun shone down on many a field which he plowed and planted, as he assisted his father in the work of cultivating and improving the land. Throughout the years of his manhood he has carried on the occupation to which he was reared and his labors have resulted in bringing to him a very com-







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fortable living. He was married in 1860 to Miss Katie M. Hummell, a daughter of Isaac and Magdaline (Miller) Hummell, who were natives of Pennsylvania and in whose family were sixteen children, as follows: John; William; Solomon; Daniel; David; Elijah; Louis; Lafayette; Polly, the wife of Charles Dilley; Savina, the wife of Erving Mason; Katie, who is now Mrs. Boyer; and five who have passed away, namely: Anna, Mary Ann, Isaac, Julia and Aaron. The father of this family was a shoemaker by trade and followed that occupation in Bloom township near Salem church. He had come from Pennsylvania to Ohio with a one-horse wagon and had taken up his abode in Bloom township in pioneer days. There he spent the remainder of his life and was known as a consistent and loyal member of the Salem church. His death occurred in 1884, when he had attained the age of seventy years.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Boyer has been blessed with five children: Will-

iam, a resident of Star City, Indiana; Calvin, who makes his home in San Francisco, California; Annie, the wife of M. E. Brett, of San Francisco; Franklin, who died at the age of sixteen months; and George, a resident of Bloom township. It was in December, 1874, when Mr. Boyer and his family removed to the old homestead, where he has since remained. For twelve years he resided on the southwest corner of Bloom township and his attention has ever been given to the work of cultivating the soil, his labors being attended by a high degree of success. In 1864 he was in the government employ, but during the greater part of his life he has given his time and energies to agricultural pursuits. His work is carefully conducted and he is systematic and methodical in all that he undertakes. As the years have passed his diligence has brought to him a comfortable competence and he is numbered among the well-to-do and up-to-date scientific farmers of his adopted county.

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## F. ASBURY HOLLIDAY.

Among the citizens of Fairfield county who have joined the great "silent majority," but who had been active factors in the affairs of this portion of the state, was F. Asbury Holliday, and his memory is yet cherished, not only by his immediate family, but by many who knew him and enjoyed his friendship. He was born in Rush Creek township May 29, 1827, upon the

farm which is yet the home of his widow. His father, Zebulon Holliday, was a native of Maryland and in pioneer times removed to Ohio and was here married to Elizabeth Kieser, a native of Rush Creek township. They became the parents of the following children: Wesley, William, Asbury, Samuel, Becky, Ann and Sarah. After the death of his first wife Zebulon Holliday married



Miss Wilson, and they had three children: Harriet; Mary, now deceased; and Matilda. The father purchased a farm near Rushville and afterward purchased the land upon which Mrs. F. Asbury Holliday is now living. The tract then comprised one hundred and sixty-six acres, but at the present time two hundred and sixty-one acres are comprised within the boundaries of the farm. The pioneer home was an old log cabin, and in it the family lived in true frontier style, but they made the most of their opportunities and as the years passed the comforts known to the older east were introduced and enjoyed by them. In his political views Mr. Holliday was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, when he joined its ranks. He held membership in the Methodist church and was a most earnest Christian gentleman, serving as one of the exhorters in the church.

F. Asbury Holliday, when a little lad of six summers, became a student in the schools of Rush Creek township. His advantages, however, were very meager, as he had the privilege of attending only for about one or two months each year. His training at farm labor, however, was in no wise limited, for as soon as old enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields and the sun shone down upon many a tract on which he turned the furrows. When he had left school permanently he joined his father in farming operations and practical experience had made him well fitted for the work. At the age of twenty-three years he was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Rutherford, of Rush Creek township, born in Vir-

ginia, whence she came to Ohio when a little maiden of two summers. They began their domestic life upon the farm which is still the home of Mrs. Holliday. All of the land was cleared but about thirty acres, and Mr. Holliday gave his attention to the further development and improvement of the farm. Unto him and his wife were born five children. The eldest, William, resides one mile north of Oak Fort. James A. is living one mile east of Pleasantville. Clara A. is the wife of Arthur Kinsel, of Pleasantville. Francis A. and Samuel B. are now operating the home farm in a highly creditable manner.

Mr. Holliday voted with the Democratic party. He served as a school director and as supervisor, and in public office, as in business and social life, he was true to the duties devolving upon him. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church and his life was at all times guided by and permeated with Christian principles. He passed away in 1885 and in his death the community lost one whom it had come to know as a reputable citizen, devoted to the public good. The sons, Samuel and Francis Holliday, now engaged in the operation of the home farm. The latter was born in 1861 and acquired his early education in the public schools of Rush Creek township, while later he continued his studies in Pleasantville, Ohio. On putting aside his text books he resumed work on the farm and is now associated with his brother in agricultural pursuits whereby he has gained a comfortable competence. They make a specialty of the raising of stock, raising only grain



enough to feed their domestic animals. They have horses, cattle and sheep and their sales are large and bring to them a good return.

In 1880 Francis Holliday was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Bunworth, a native of Perry county. They now have one child, Charles Oatley. Mr. Holliday has followed in the political footsteps of his father, endorsing the men and measures of the Democracy, and is a member of the Methodist church.

Samuel Holliday, the younger brother,

was born in 1868, and after becoming familiar with the branches of learning taught in the district schools, he went to Pleasantville, where he continued his studies for some time. On his father's death he began work upon the home farm and both he and his brother are recognized as young men of good business ability, energetic and progressive. All of the modern equipments and accessories of a model farm are found upon their place, and in the management of the property they have shown themselves to be honest and trustworthy.

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## DANIEL GIESY.

Daniel Giesy was for a number of years a prominent representative of mercantile interests of Lancaster, but is now living retired. He was born in this city May 3, 1833. His father, John Ulric Giesy, was a native of Switzerland, born in 1787. In the land of the Alps he was reared to manhood and acquired a good common school education. When a young man he emigrated to the new world, believing that he might have better business opportunities in the United States, the year of his arrival being 1805. Taking up his abode in Lancaster, Ohio, he here established a bakery, which he continued to successfully conduct for a number of years. He was also engaged in the hotel business and erected what became known as the old Giesy House, which was the first hotel erected in Lan-

caster. During that period he bought a farm southwest of the city, to which he removed in the early '50s, and there died in 1856. He was very successful in all his business undertakings and when lands were cheap he purchased a considerable amount, which rose in value with the growth of the county and the improvements placed thereon. Mr. Giesy also owned and operated a flouring mill and carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook, being a man of resolute purpose and unflagging enterprise. His political support was given the Democracy and he strongly endorsed the principles advocated by Jefferson. He and his wife were devoted members of the Grace Reformed church, to which he contributed liberally.

John U. Giesy was married in Lan-





easter to Miss Magdalene Hensel, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Lancaster with her parents, John and Martha Hensel. Nine children were born of this union, six sons and three daughters: Mary, born May 4, 1816; Susan, born July 30, 1820; Elizabeth, who was born May 3, 1822, and is now deceased; John U., born February 11, 1824, Samuel H., born August 26, 1826, and Jacob H., born March 28, 1828, all three deceased; William, who was born September 24, 1830, and died in infancy; Daniel, of this review; and Henry H., who was born February 17, 1836, and was killed in battle during the Civil war while a member of the Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Daniel Giesy pursued his education in the private and district schools of Lancaster. He then entered Capital University at Columbus, Ohio, where he spent one year, and on leaving school he entered upon his business career as a clerk in the store of Reber & Kutz. He was afterward employed in other mercantile establishments until 1856, when he began business on his own account as a dealer in boots and shoes on Main street. For three years he conducted that enterprise, but in 1859 disposed of his stock and engaged in the manufacture of vinegar, carrying on that industry for some time. He met with success in the undertaking, for the excellence of his product secured for him a ready sale. Subsequently he spent two years in Cincinnati, Ohio, as a salesman for Shillito & Company. Returning to Lancaster, he became interested in merchandising in connection

with Reber & Kutz, and this relation was maintained until 1870, when he retired to private life, enjoying a well merited rest.

In 1854 Mr. Giesy was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Haunfler, of Lancaster, the eldest daughter of John C. and Mary (Hunter) Haunfler. Her father was a native of Germany, but her mother was born in Lancaster, being a daughter of Captain Joseph and Dorothy Hunter, who were pioneers of Fairfield county. Unto our subject and his wife have been born seven children: Helen L., the eldest, is now deceased; Henry H., born January 31, 1858, is engaged in the lumber business, the firm being composed of himself and two brothers, under the name of H. H. Giesy; Edward H., born October 22, 1859, is connected with his brother in the lumber business at Columbus; John C., born August 11, 1862, is deceased; Frank M., born July 31, 1866, died in infancy; Ella C. was born March 8, 1869; and Robert M., born January 7, 1871, is also engaged in the wholesale lumber business.

In 1862 Mr. Giesy entered the employ of the government as abstract clerk in the quartermaster's department, with which he was connected for about eight months. He then returned to Lancaster, but in 1864 again accepted a position in the quartermaster's department, where he joined his brother. He had just reached his post when he was captured by the rebels and was held a prisoner for four months and a half, being confined at Cahaba, Alabama. At the end of that time he was exchanged and returned home. Mr. Giesy strongly endorses Re-



publican principles and has always supported the party, although he has never been an office seeker. He and his wife are members of the Grace Reformed church and are

people of sterling worth, whose circle of friends is only limited by their circle of acquaintances. Mr. Giesy is an ardent supporter of the free school system.

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### HENRY HENSEL GIESY.

Among those who offered up their lives on the altar of their country during the dark days of the Rebellion was Henry Hensel Giesy, who was born in Lancaster, Ohio, February 17, 1836, and was the seventh son of John Ulric and Mary Magdalene (Hensel) Giesy. He was graduated with honors from Frank Marshall College in 1857 and was a member of the Goethean Literary Society. After making the needed preparation he was admitted to the bar, and when the Civil war broke out was engaged in the practice of his profession in his native town.

As one of the first to respond to his country's call for troops, he enlisted for three months in the volunteer service and was chosen captain of his company. During that term he was on duty in West Virginia. On his return home he raised a new company and re-enlisted for three years on the 26th of December, 1861. On the 9th of the following August he was promoted to major for gallant conduct, being chosen to that position over three captains whose commissions antedated his. The regiment

to which he belonged was the Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was provost on the staff of Brigadier General Hugh Ewing, commanding the Fourth Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, in November, 1863, and was by him recommended for promotion. The colonel of the regiment having command of the brigade during Sherman's great battles on his way to Atlanta, Major Giesy had command of the regiment. During the engagement at Dallas, May 28, 1864, he was mortally wounded, and died the following day.

Brigadier General Charles C. Walcott in his official report of the battle of Dallas says: "This battle, severe as it was upon the enemy, cost the country the lives and services of many valuable officers and men. Colonel Dickerson, One Hundred and Third Illinois, and Major Giesy, Forty-sixth Ohio, fell mortally wounded and have since died. They were both brave and efficient officers and received their wounds during the heat of the engagement while at the front encouraging their men." He was made brevet brigadier general "for gallant and meritor-



ious services" at the battle of Dallas, Georgia, where he was killed. He engaged with distinction and bravery in the battles

of Shiloh, Corinth, Jackson, Missionary Ridge, Knoxville, Dalton, Resaca and Dallas.

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## JAMES HILLS.

James Hills, now deceased, was numbered among the early settlers and highly respected citizens of Fairfield county, and whatever tended to promote the growth, progress and improvement of this favored section of the state won his approval and support. His life was ever upright and honorable and commended him to the confidence and regard of all with whom he came in contact. He was a native of Billinghamurst, England, born August 24, 1824, and his parents spent their entire lives in that land. Mr. Hills came to the United States in 1852, locating in Fairfield county, taking up his abode in Lancaster, where he engaged in gardening and farming. He also conducted a greenhouse until a short time prior to the Civil war, when he purchased a farm upon which his widow now resides, and here made a good home for himself and family.

When his adopted country became involved in hostilities between the north and south he espoused the Union cause, serving for nine months and twenty days. Then, the war having ended, he received an honorable discharge and his loyalty to the country was ever one of his marked characteristics. He was deeply interested in its in-

stitutions and in the extension of its power and influence. At the close of the war he returned to his home, but his health had become impaired during the service and he was never a well man after that.

On the 15th of October, 1868, Mr. Hills was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Davey, a native of England. She is now living upon the old homestead in Hocking township and is a most estimable lady. The marriage of this worthy couple was blessed with nine children. Edward Henry, born in Harsham, England, on the 9th of December, 1849, is now extensively engaged in the raising of wheat in California, devoting one thousand acres to that product. He married a Miss Carter. Rhoda A., the second of the family, is the wife of Jacob Walters, a resident farmer of Pleasant township, Fairfield county, and they have three children: James, Flora and Charles. Thomas, born in Lancaster, March 16, 1854, now resides in Columbus, Ohio, where he is engaged in business as a contractor. He married Sophia Berrens, and they have three children, Dora, Carrie and Mattie. Sarah J., born in Lancaster, January 8, 1856, is the wife of Samuel Nelson, of Zanesville, a brick maker. They



have six children: Fannie, the widow of Edward Alford; George; Carrie; Harry; Hattie and Edna. Mary A. is the widow of Samuel Pickering and resides in Lancaster. Her children are: Edward, Carrie, Martha and Elsworth. John A., born in 1860, is connected with a cracker factory in Columbus, Ohio. He married Lena Creggs, and they have one child, Nettie. George B., born January 24, 1863, died in infancy. Henrietta, his twin sister, died at the age of three months. Margaret E., born in April, 1864, was married and left one daughter, who is residing with her grandmother and is a bright and attractive young girl. She is known by the name of Bertha May Hills.

Throughout his business career Mr. Hills carried on agricultural pursuits and

his labors were carefully directed by sound business judgment and keen discrimination. His enterprise would brook no obstacle that could be overcome by determined and honorable purpose, and gradually he worked his way upward to success, becoming the owner of a valuable farm. He never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, for in his broader opportunities he found the advantages he desired and gained not only a comfortable competence but also a large circle of friends. He died at his home in Hocking township, May 10, 1869, respected by all who had known him. His widow enjoys the high esteem of all with whom she has been brought in contact, and she still lives upon the farm left to her by her husband.

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## HENRY BALTHASER.

Like many of the valued citizens of Fairfield county, Henry Balthaser came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, taking up his abode in Fairfield county at an early day. He now resides in Clear Creek township, where he owns and occupies ninety-one acres of rich farm land just south of the village of Amanda. He was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1832, and is a representative of one of the old families of that locality. His paternal grandfather, Henry Balthaser, lived and died in Berks county, being a well known farmer and prominent man there.

The father of our subject, Henry Balthaser, was born in Berks county, learning the carpenter's trade and following that vocation throughout his residence in Pennsylvania, and after coming to Fairfield county he engaged in the operation of a sawmill and also devoted a portion of his time to agricultural pursuits. For a number of years he continued the manufacture of lumber. He put all of the improvements upon his farm and there made a good home for himself and family, living at that place until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-two years of age. He passed away on the





anniversary of his birth, which occurred on the 22d of January, 1803. He held membership in the Lutheran church and his life was permeated by honorable principles and Christian teachings. In politics he was a Democrat but he never aspired to office, preferring that his attention should be given to his business interests, in which he prospered. He was an advocate of all that tended to improve the community along social, intellectual and moral lines. His worth as a citizen was widely recognized. He married Sarah Warner, who was also born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and there lived until coming to Ohio with her husband. Both were members of the Lutheran church. Mrs. Balthaser survived her husband but a short time, passing away on the old homestead, June 25, 1886. She was the mother of eight children, five of whom are now living, the subject of this review being the second in order of birth.

In taking up the personal history of Henry Balthaser, whose name introduces this record, we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known. He has always lived upon the home farm in Clear Creek township and many of the improvements there are the visible evidence of his life of industry and earnest toil. He has erected a new and modern residence which is an attractive feature in the landscape and other equipments upon the farm have been secured through his efforts. He has always engaged in the cultivation of the soil and to some extent has carried on stock raising and as the years have passed his labors have annually added something to his income until now he is one

of the substantial and well-to-do citizens of the community.

In 1857 Mr. Balthaser was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Kessler, who was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, a daughter of Michael and Eliza Ann (Shabbel) Kessler. Her father was a carpenter by trade, and removing to Clear Creek township, Fairfield county, carried on work along that line for a number of years. He afterward became a resident of Illinois where he died at an advanced age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Balthaser have been born twelve children, of whom eleven are now living. Theodore, who resides in Amanda, was employed as engineer in the grain elevator. He married Nettie Crites, and their children are—Ollie, Eva, and Adolph. Elizabeth is the wife of David Barr, a farmer of Amanda township and they have two children—Bertie and Mary. Peter resides in Columbus, Ohio, where he is employed as a street car conductor. He married Effie Griffith and they have five children—Rome, Merrill, Ruth, May and Fred. Joseph resides in Amanda township where he follows farming. He wedded Etta Weiner. Ella is the wife of John Sultz, a resident farmer of Fairfield county. Annie is the wife of John Campbell, of Madison township, and they have one son, Raymond. Frank is employed on the farm of Mr. Campbell. He married Mattie Hamby, who died two years ago. Charles resides in Amanda, Ohio, and is operating the home farm for his father. He married Ella Shaeffer. Chancy resides in Amanda township and is employed on the railroad. He married Anna Thomas. Harry is living at home. Welby is a minister of



the United Brethren church, now located in Athens county, Ohio. He wedded Miss Dixon. Fanny died at the age of nineteen years. All of the children were born in Clear Creek township and educated in the schools here. The family is one of prominence in the community, the various members occupying creditable positions and in social circles, enjoying high regard by reason of their sterling worth. From the age of six years down to the present time

Henry Balthaser has made his home in Fairfield county and the history of pioneer life is therefore familiar to him through actual experience, and as the years have passed, as a valued citizen he has borne his part in the work of public progress and improvement. His labors too in the business world have been effective and have brought to him creditable success, making him one of the prosperous and well-to-do farmers of Clear Creek township.

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### CHARLES D. MARTIN.

When the history of Ohio and her bar shall have been written its pages will bear few more illustrious names and record the career of few men more distinguished than Charles D. Martin, for although he has not figured to a great extent in political life he is widely acknowledged to be one of the most capable lawyers at the Ohio bar. If "biography is the home aspect of history," as Wilmott has expressed it, it is entirely within the province of true history to commemorate and perpetuate the lives and characters, the achievements and honor of the illustrious sons of the nation. The name of Charles D. Martin is inseparably associated with the history of jurisprudence not only in his district but in Ohio as well, and no man has been more respected in this locality or more highly deserves the honors that have been conferred upon him. He has been designated as the

leading member of the Lancaster bar as it stands to-day and is therefore worthy to be classed among the eminent lawyers of the state.

Judge Martin is numbered among Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Mount Vernon, on the 5th of August, 1829, his parents being Joseph and Susan (Thomas) Martin, the former of Irish lineage and the latter of English descent. In colonial days both the Martin and Thomas families were established in America, the former locating in Pennsylvania and the latter in Maryland. In 1806 the paternal grandfather came to Ohio, locating in Knox county and there Joseph Martin was reared. He married Miss Thomas, whose family about the beginning of the nineteenth century removed from Kentucky to Delaware county.

In the schools of his native county Judge



Martin acquired his early education and later continued his studies in Kenyon College, Gambier. Wishing to become a member of the bar he entered upon the study of law in Lancaster under the direction of his relative, John D. Martin, a member of the firm of Martin & Effinger, prominent attorneys of Fairfield county. After two years' study he was admitted to the bar in 1850 and at once began the practice of law in Lancaster and has followed it continuously with the exception of two years spent upon the supreme bench and as a member of the supreme court commission. His advancement was rapid, owing to the precision, thoroughness and care with which he prepared his cases, his strength in argument, his ready tact and genial disposition. He never sought to enshroud his cause in the sentimental garb of emotional oratory, but rather to present his cause in the strong clear light of fact and reason. He has never stooped to take a mean advantage and is always eminently fair and courteous in his treatment of the witnesses and of the court. It is the theory of the law that the counsel who practice are to aid the court in the administration of justice and in this regard Judge Martin has been most careful to conform his practice to a high standard of professional ethics. He never seeks to lead the court astray in a matter of fact or law. He has never endeavored to withhold from it a knowledge of any fact appearing in the record. Calm, dignified, self-controlled, free from passion or prejudice, he has given to his clients the service of great talents, unwearied industry and rare learning, but he never forgets that there are certain things

due to the court, to his own self-respect and to justice and a righteous administration of the law, which neither the zeal of an advocate nor the pleasure of success has permitted him to disregard.

In the fall of 1858 Judge Martin was nominated on the Democratic ticket to represent his district in congress and was elected, his term expiring on the 4th of March, 1861. Through the succeeding twenty years he devoted his attention uninterruptedly to the practice of law. In 1883 he was appointed by Governor Charles Foster as one of the members of the supreme court commission to assist the supreme bench in clearing the docket, which was in arrears some twelve years. He served for two years, when the work they were appointed to do was finished. During this period Mr. Martin discharged the functions of a judge of the supreme court. His appointment to this position was a high and merited tribute to his ability, coming from a Republican governor to one who has always been known as a staunch Democrat. In the years 1885 and 1886 he was the candidate on the state ticket for the office of supreme judge. Since his retirement from office he has given his undivided attention to the practice of law and has a large and distinctively representative clientage.

In 1873 the Judge was united in marriage to Miss Anna Mithoff, a daughter of the late G. A. Mithoff, of Lancaster, and they have three living children: Mary Jane, Anna and George. The family is widely and favorably known in Fairfield county, occupying an enviable position in social circles, just as the Judge does at the bar. For more



than half a century he has been an active practitioner and but few lawyers have made a more lasting impression upon the bar of the state, both for legal ability of a high order and for the individuality of a personal

character which impresses itself upon a community. Such has been his force of character and natural qualification that he has steadily advanced and has written his name upon the keystone of the legal arch.

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### WILLIAM T. MCCLENAGHAN.

William T. McClenaghan, who is filling the position of prosecuting attorney of Fairfield county and resides in Lancaster, was born in Richland township, this county, on the 17th of September, 1855. His father, William McClenaghan, was born in Ireland in the year 1835, and when in his twelfth year crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he resided for thirty-eight years. He was there married to Miss Mary E. Ferguson, of that county, a daughter of Robert Ferguson, and in 1854 he came to Fairfield county and settled upon the farm where he resided the greater part of his life. In his business undertakings he prospered, and his careful direction of farm labor and his enterprise and management brought to him a very satisfactory degree of success. His political support was given the Democracy and he took a deep and active interest in the success of his party, doing all in his power to extend its influence and promote its growth. He served for six years as county commissioner of Richland township and was a leading citizen, strong in

his honor and good name. His wife, who was born in the year 1827, died in 1896. In their family were two sons and four daughters, namely: William T.; Sophia, who married S. D. Stevens, a farmer; Catherine, the wife of R. Swartz, who is in the gas and oil business; Samuel H.; Horace S., who carries on agricultural pursuits; and Charles D., who is a farmer on the old homestead in Richland township.

William T. McClenaghan, well known in connection with legal interests, was reared upon a farm. The hot summers' suns shone down upon many a field in which he was plowing and through the cold winter months he made his way to the district schools in order to acquire an education which would fit him for life's practical duties. Later he had the advantage of instructions in the Fairfield Academy, where he prepared for college, and entering the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, he was graduated in that institution in 1880. After his graduation he returned to Lancaster and entered the law office of the Hon. Charles D. Martin, who directed his





reading until his admission to the bar before the supreme court of Columbus in 1888. Since that time he has been an active practitioner in the Lancaster district.

In 1882 Mr. McClenaghan was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Swartz, a daughter of the Rev. A. and Catherine (Ruby) Swartz. Her father was pastor of the English Lutheran church and is a well known divine of that denomination. Mr. and Mrs. McClenaghan have one son, William S., who is now a student. In public office our subject has manifested a loyal devotion to the general good. He was for six years a member of the city council, and in 1895 was elected prosecuting attorney of Fairfield

county for a term of three years, entering upon the discharge of his duties in 1896. He was afterward re-elected and is now in the latter part of his second term. His political support has always been given the Democracy and he has taken a very active part in county and state politics. He belongs to Philo Lodge, I. O. O. F., of West Rushville, and also to the Knights of Pythias fraternity. His nature is kindly, his temperament jovial and genial and his manner courteous. He has a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the law and in this neither fear nor favor can swerve him from the strict and impartial performance of his duty.

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## THOMAS EWING.

Thomas Ewing was born in Ohio county, near Wheeling, West Virginia, December 28, 1789. His father was Captain George Ewing, a soldier of the army of the Revolution, who at the close of the war left his home in New Jersey for the west. Owing to trouble with the Indians in the Ohio territory he settled temporarily in Virginia. In a few years the Indians proved peaceful and he continued his journey to Ohio and settled on what is now known as Federal creek, in Athens county. Young Ewing worked upon his father's farm until nineteen years of age, reading in the meantime such books as were to be found in the cabins of the settlers and in the new library

which they had purchased. Being ambitious to obtain an education, he prevailed upon his father to permit him to go to the Kanawha Salt Works and earn the necessary money. He walked through the woods to the Ohio river and got aboard a keel boat and worked his passage to the salines. This was in the year 1809. In December of the same year he returned home, went to Athens and spent three months there as a student. In the spring of 1810 he went again to the salt works to earn more money. He was successful, returned home and paid off his father's debts. The winter of 1810 and 1811 he spent at home reading the books of the library. In the spring of 1811 he again





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went to the salt works, and after a summer's work returned home with six hundred dollars in money. He immediately entered the Ohio University, being twenty-one years of age, and continued a student there until the spring of 1815, when he graduated with honor. After his graduation he again returned to Kanawha and in six weeks earned one hundred and fifty dollars. With this sum he returned home, and in July of the same year, 1815, he came to Lancaster and commenced the study of law with General Beecher. During his college term he taught school one term at Gallipolis, Ohio, and the Athens county records show that he occasionally acted as surveyor. Before entering General Beecher's office he had read Blackstone, and after fourteen months of hard study, sixteen hours per day, he was admitted to the bar in August, 1816, being then past twenty-four years of age.

His first speech as an attorney was made in the court house at Circleville, Ohio. In 1817 he was appointed prosecuting attorney for Athens county, notwithstanding the fact that he lived in Lancaster, forty-five miles distant. He served as such for the years 1817-18-19 and 20 and again in 1824 and 1825. He was prosecuting attorney for the county of Fairfield from the year 1818 to 1830. Three or four years after being admitted to the bar Mr. Ewing married Maria, daughter of Hugh Boyle, clerk of the court and one of the pioneers of Lancaster. In the year 1824 he formed a partnership with his young friend, Henry Stanbery, which continued a few years. They soon became great rivals at the Lancaster

bar and upon the circuit, but this did not disturb or mar the friendship of their early years.

Mr. Ewing soon rose to eminence as a lawyer and Whig politician. He had the honor to deliver the oration at Hebron, Ohio, when the first shovelful of earth was thrown by Governor DeWitt Clinton upon the surveyed line of the Ohio canal. In 1831 he was elected by the Ohio legislature as senator of the United States and served six years. He soon became an influential member of the senate and a good debater, making for himself a national reputation. In 1841 he was secretary of the treasury in President Harrison's cabinet. In 1849 he was secretary of the interior under President Taylor and organized that department. Unfortunately for Mr. Ewing and the country, both presidents died early in their administrations, so that he did not have an opportunity for the display of his great abilities as a cabinet officer.

In 1851 Thomas Corwin, then senator from Ohio, resigned and Governor Ford appointed Mr. Ewing to fill the vacancy. Mr. Corwin, when nominated for senator, defeated Mr. Ewing in the caucus by one vote. That vote was cast by General Joe Geiger, of Circleville, whom Mr. Ewing had in some way offended. Great as Mr. Ewing was as a statesman, his great fame will rest upon his ability as a lawyer, a lawyer rooted and grounded in the fundamental principles of the law. In a purely legal argument he was without a rival at the Ohio bar. In the courts of Ohio Henry Stanbery was his most formidable competitor. They were op-



posed to each other on all great cases. In the great case of the Methodist Episcopal church, Mr. Ewing represented the north, Mr. Stanbery the south. As all the world knows, Mr. Ewing won the case. Good judges pronounced his argument a wonderful production. In the Martha Washington case, tried in the United States court at Columbus, Stanbery appeared for the prosecution and Ewing for the defense. Mr. Ewing submitted the case without argument, much to the surprise of Stanbery, who had a carefully prepared speech, and the jury brought in a verdict for defendants. During the trying times of the Rebellion, when his boys and son-in-law were at the front, he was in constant communication with the authorities at Washington. His advice was often sought by the administration and freely given. It was mainly (as his friends claim) upon his advice that Mason and Slidell were surrendered and a war with England averted. He left a sick-bed and made his way to Washington to advise with President Lincoln on this occasion. He lived to see peace and a reunited country. Mr. Ewing was a man of splendid form, strong and active, and many good stories are told of his strength and agility. He could jump higher than any young man he ever met, and but few, if any, could throw him down. He is credited with once taking an ax by the handle and throwing it over the court house steeple.

After Mr. Ewing became established as a lawyer, he, in company with Hon. Samuel F. Vinton, purchased and operated the Chauncey Salt Works, in Athens county.

They continued the business for twenty years or more and finally turned it over to Colonel Steele, Ewing's son-in-law. After the death of President Harrison, Mr. Ewing did not remain long in Tyler's cabinet. Tyler and his cabinet differed radically on the bank question in particular, and they were not long in tendering their resignation. Mr. Ewing wrote and published a lengthy letter explaining why he left the cabinet, and quoted conversations with the president and conversations that took place in cabinet meetings, that the public might fully understand his reasons for this breach of confidence, as his enemies termed it. He was roundly abused by all of the leading Democratic papers of the country, harsh terms and abusive language filling their columns. Mr. Ewing was not injured in Ohio; he was tendered public dinners by the enthusiastic Whigs of Columbus and Zanesville. From 1841 to 1860 Mr. Ewing was engaged in his profession in large and important suits, both in the courts of Ohio and of the United States. The Stoddard case, a case involving Spanish land titles, he tried in St. Louis and was successful. He spent four months or more in acquiring the Spanish language, that he might more fully understand and prosecute his case. Much of his time in preparation was spent in Cincinnati. While there he made the acquaintance of an intelligent photographic artist, in whose office he was accustomed to unbend himself when tired of his work. This artist states that in conversation with Mr. Ewing he was surprised to learn that he knew more about the photographic art than he knew himself.





This is not surprising to those who knew Mr. Ewing, for he was a ripe scholar, well read and at home upon any subject that he might be called upon to discuss.

He had assisted his father to make a new home in Indiana, where the old gentleman died January 14, 1824. This home was on the Ohio river, near Cannelton, and at the time of which we write was occupied by Mr. Ewing's aged brother George. While at St. Louis trying the Stoddard case he notified his brother that on a certain day on his way home his boat would pass Cannelton but would not stop. The boat reached the point in due time and the aged brother was in his chair on the river bank surrounded by his family. As the boat drew near Mr. Ewing stood at the railing, surrounded by the deeply interested passengers; he greeted his brother and the salutation was returned. As the boat passed up stream the old man arose, trembling with age and quivering with emotion, and bowed a farewell for the last time, never again to meet or see his brother this side of the gates of the spirit world.

Mr. Ewing died October 26, 1871, at his home in Lancaster. His funeral was largely attended. On his deathbed he said to a friend, "I have lived a long, useful and eventful life and I am ready to go." The honorary pallbearers were: Governor R. B. Hayes; Senator John Sherman; Senator Allen G. Thurman; Judge Welsh, of the supreme court; M. A. Daugherty, John D. Martin, Charles Borland, Samuel Herr, Dr. T. O. Edwards, Darius Tallmadge, George G. Beck, Charles M. L. Wiseman, J. F. Van-

denmark, Hocking H. Hunter, John T. Brasee, Hon. Henry Stanbery, James R. Pearse, Sammel A. Griswold, Jacob Beck and Frederick A. Foster, of Lancaster; John H. James, of Urbana; A. B. Walker, of Athens; W. Marshall Anderson, of Circleville; Charles B. Goddard, of Zanesville; George Reber, of Sandusky; and Henry B. Curtis, of Mt. Vernon.

About the year 1818 the southern part of Fairfield county was infested with a gang of thieves and counterfeiters, who for months or years had evaded or escaped from the officers of the law and defied arrest. Thomas Ewing, who was prosecuting attorney, became tired of this and requested to be sworn in as special constable, which was accordingly done. He selected a half-dozen choice spirits, who, like himself, were large, strong and active men, of known courage and discretion—Nathaniel Reed, Christian Neibling, Adam Weaver, Christian King, David Reese and Elnathan Scofield. They proceeded to the rendezvous, surrounded the house and captured the gang, binding the leader, who was in charge of Mr. Ewing. Scofield was about to be overpowered, when Ewing went to his relief. The leader seized this moment for escape, and though his hands were bound, jumped out out of a second story window and made his escape in the darkness. The others were tried, convicted and sent to prison.

During the years Mr. Ewing was prosecutor and for many years previous there were numerous distilleries in the county, and merchants everywhere sold or gave liquor



away to their customers and whiskey was a universal beverage. Along in the '20s the sale of it was regulated somewhat by statute. The records show that Mr. Ewing, as prosecutor, procured indictments against Latta, Connell and Ainsworth, Christian King and Henry Arnold for selling whiskey in quantities less than than one quart. They were tried and fined five dollars and costs each. John Reber and John G. Willock were witnesses in two of the cases, being clerks in the stores.

George Smetters (Smothers) was indicted for selling three pounds of pepper at retail to Henry B. Joy, of the value of one hundred and six dollars. "Merchandise not the growth and manufacture of the United States, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided." T. Ewing, prosecuting attorney. Smetters pleaded guilty and was fined ten dollars and costs of prosecution. George Smetters was the owner of a large farm near town, but not a merchant. He drove a six-horse team to a

Conestoga wagen and carried produce to Baltimore and brought out goods for Lancaster merchants. It is highly probable that he carried small quantities of goods of his own or for his own use and retailed to his friends. His case was continued for one or two terms and he finally gave Hugh Boyle, clerk of the court, a power of attorney to plead guilty for him. This very unusual proceeding was accepted by the court. Smetters was, no doubt, absent from home during the sessions of the court, which was the cause of his unusual manner of pleading. This indictment was brought October 1, 1821, and finally disposed of in October, 1822, Judge John A. McDowell, presiding. The foreman of the grand jury was Samuel F. McCracken. The witnesses were George Burkley, Christian Re Kohl and Henry B. Joy. The fact is, Smetters had no attorney and he empowered Boyle to plead for him and submit the matter to the judgment of the court.

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### JOSEPH S. TURNER.

Joseph S. Turner, who is now living a retired life in Bremen after many years' connection with agricultural and industrial interests in Fairfield county, was born in Rush Creek township, this county, April 21, 1839, on the old family homestead of his maternal grandfather, Abraham Berry. He

is a son of John and Rebecca (Berry) Turner. The father was born in the state of New York, whence he removed with his parents to Virginia, and thence came to Fairfield county, Ohio. Here he made a permanent settlement in 1834. He took an active part in promoting the agricultural in-



terests of this part of the state and was a progressive, enterprising man. He married Rebecca Berry, a daughter of Abraham Berry, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, and in 1808 came to Fairfield county, settling in Rush Creek township. He was a man of considerable means and as land was cheap he purchased a large tract and became one of the prosperous and influential citizens of his adopted county. He married Catherine Fast, and they became the parents of twelve children, nine daughters and three sons. The marriage of John and Rebecca (Berry) Turner was blessed with five children: Jacob B., a prominent merchant and miller of Bremen; Emanuel C.; Joseph S.; Abrahm B. and Peter F.

Joseph S. Turner pursued his education in the old Rock schoolhouse, continuing his studies through the winter months until fourteen years of age, when he began learning the carpenter's trade under the direction of Ephraim Root. For twenty-one years he followed that pursuit and was closely associated with the building interests of his part of the county, but his business career was interrupted by military service at the time of the Civil war. In 1864 he enlisted in Company A, Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Captain Butterfield and Colonel B. Ward. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland and he took part in the siege and fall of Atlanta. He also participated in the battles of Mission Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Dalton, Resaca, Hickory Ridge, Peach Tree Creek, Kennesaw Moun-

tain and others, and after the fall of Atlanta the regiment was ordered to join Sherman's army, participating in the memorable march to the sea, the campaign through the Carolinas and the march to Washington, where Mr. Turner participated in the grand review, the most celebrated military pageant ever seen on the western hemisphere. With the regiment he was then ordered to Lexington, Kentucky, where he was mustered out and sent home.

The country no longer needing his services, Mr. Turner resumed work at the carpenter's trade and for several years was a leading representative of building interests in this part of the county. He erected a number of the dwellings in and near Bremen, also churches, barns and business buildings. Farming interests also claimed his attention and he owned and operated a valuable tract of land, which he placed under a high state of cultivation. He continued farming until 1881, when he put aside business cares and removed to Bremen, where he has since lived retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

In 1859 Mr. Turner was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Fox, who was born near Pleasantville, Ohio, February 28, 1839. She was a daughter of Abram and Jane (Sampson) Fox. By her marriage she has become the mother of seven children: Rebecca J., now deceased; Ella J., the wife of A. C. McCandless; Mary E., the wife of Thomas R. Thompson; Lulu Alice, who married Harry Click and resides at Millersport; Harvey M., a farmer;



Gertrude, the wife of Charles Bauman, a merchant of Lancaster; and Charles Forest, who is a fireman on the railroad.

Mr. Turner is a member of John Rose Post, G. A. R., and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. His life has been a useful and active one

and his history proves conclusively that success is not the result of genius but the outgrowth of practical judgment, experience, diligence and perseverance. It was through the possession of those qualities that he acquired the competence that now enables him to live retired.

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### DANIEL G. BOYER.

Upon the family homestead in Bloom township, where he yet resides, Daniel G. Boyer was born May 8, 1868. He traces his ancestry back to Godfrey Boyer, who was born, reared and died in Pennsylvania. Daniel Boyer, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Greenfield township, this county, having been born on the border line of Bloom township. At one time he owned over one thousand acres of land in Fairfield and Henry counties, Ohio, and in Wells county, Indiana. As his financial resources increased he made judicious investments in real estate and thus became an extensive land holder. Marquis Boyer, the father of our subject, was born in Bloom township, Fairfield county, and became the owner of one of the best farms in his portion of the state. He was a most progressive and enterprising man, diligent and persistent in all that he undertook, and was highly respected as a leading and influential man. In his religious belief he was a Lutheran and for many years held membership in a church of that denomination. He mar-

ried Sarah Dowdall, also a native of Bloom township, and they became the parents of three children: Daniel G., of this review; Jane, the widow of John Benson; and Mary, the deceased wife of Ezra Court-right. The father died March 7, 1886, at the age of forty-nine years and six months. His widow still survives him and is yet living on the old family homestead. She is a daughter of George Dowdall, a native of Maryland, who became one of the pioneer settlers of Bloom township. By his wife, Nancy, he had seven children, namely: Michael; Mary, the wife of Isaac Eberley; Margaret, the wife of Joseph Price; Hannah, the wife of Henry Jeffries; Catherine, the wife of Hamilton Howard; Mrs. Sarah Boyer; and Joseph, who is living in Columbus.

In taking up the personal history of Daniel G. Boyer, we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in this county. He acquired his education in the common schools and in the Franklin County Normal School.





When twenty-one years of age he began teaching and for twelve years followed that profession in Bloom and Violet townships through the winter months. In the summer he carried on the work of the home farm. He taught for several consecutive years in the Waterloo and Violet township schools as principal and gained a wide reputation as a most capable educator and disciplinarian. He had the ability to impart clearly and concisely to others the knowledge which he had acquired and his labors as a teacher gave excellent satisfaction.

In May, 1891, Mr. Boyer was united in marriage to Inez Brandt, a daughter of Jesse H. and Amanda (Weist) Brandt, of

Bloom township, in whose family there were five children, Mrs. Boyer being the eldest. The others are Inez L.; U. S., an attorney; Bertha, deceased; and James Herbert, who is also practicing law. Two children have graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Boyer—Russell Grant, who died in 1894, at the age of two and a half years; and Mary Marguerite, born in October, 1893. The parents held membership in Zion church in Bloom township and are well known in the county in which their entire lives have been passed. The hospitality of many of the best homes in Bloom township is extended to them and they enjoy the warm regard of many friends.

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### JOHN R. MUMAUGH.

It is an important public duty to honor and perpetuate as far as is possible the memory of an eminent citizen—one who by his blameless and honorable life and distinguished career reflected credit upon the city in which he so long made his home. Through such memorials as this at hand the individual and the character of his services are kept in remembrance and the importance of those services acknowledged. His example in whatever field his work may have been done thus stands as an object lesson to those who come after him, and though dead he still speaks. Long after all recollection of his personality shall have faded

from the minds of men the less perishable record may tell the story of his life and commend his example for imitation. No man was ever more respected in Lancaster or ever more fully enjoyed the confidence of the people than John R. Mumaugh, whose honorable and straightforward business career was crowned with a high and well merited degree of success and who in other walks of life contributed largely to the up-building and improvement of the city.

Mr. Mumaugh was born in Fairfield county, near the city of Lancaster, on the 26th of January, 1818. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of



his early life, which was largely devoted to the acquirement of an education, but after putting aside his text-books he entered the electrical world of business and thereafter was an active factor in commercial and financial circles of Lancaster. In 1839 he took up his abode in this city, opened an office and engaged in general bookkeeping and established a collection agency. Gradually he extended the field of his labors until it embraced the banking and real-estate business. He handled much valuable property and his banking operations were also extensive. He sustained an unassailable reputation in business circles, where his word was considered as good as any bond that was ever solemnized by signature or seal. He was ever faithful to a business obligation and conscientious in the performance of every financial trust.

Mr. Mumaugh was united in marriage by the Rev. John Wagenhals to Miss Hosannah Schaeffer, the eldest daughter of Frederick and Julia Ann Schaeffer and granddaughter of Abraham Bloom, for whom the beautiful little city of Bloomsbury, New Jersey, was named. He also fought in the Revolutionary war with General Washington from the time the hostilities began until Great Britain withdrew her troops and acknowledged the independence of the republic. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mumaugh were born six children, of whom two died in infancy, while Charles Frederick, the eldest son, who was a resident of Lancaster, died in 1897. Those still living are John S., who resides in California; and Sallie and Fannie, who are liv-

ing in the old home in this city. They also reared a niece of Mrs. Mumaugh, Julia Bannon, who for seventeen years was a member of the household. She is now Mrs. Vernon, of Camden, New Jersey.

Mr. Mumaugh was a prominent and valued member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Charity Lodge and Hook Hocking Encampment of this city. He was also an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, in which he had taken all the degrees of the York rite, and his funeral services were conducted by Lancaster Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar. For thirty years he was a consistent and faithful member of the St. John's Episcopal church and for a quarter of a century he served the congregation as junior and senior warden, holding the latter office at the time of his death, which occurred on the 5th of February, 1888. The many beautiful floral tributes and the large concourse of people who attended the funeral showed how widely he was known and honored in Lancaster, where he was so well known, and where an upright life and strong sympathy had endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He was a devoted husband and kind and indulgent father, a considerate neighbor and a consistent follower of the Master, and when he closed his eyes in death it was with the firm belief in a glorious awakening into everlasting life.

Mrs. Mumaugh survived her husband for a number of years, endearing herself to all as the days passed. She passed away on Christmas eve of 1901. In speaking of her death a local paper said: "For the past



half century Mrs. Mummaugh has resided in the handsome old colonial house in which she died, and no one will be more sadly missed than this beautiful, noble and hospitable Christian woman. She was full of dignity and grace and the doors of her charming home were always open to receive and entertain her host of friends; and it can be truthfully said that no home within the city of Lancaster has for the past fifty years entertained more people of note and distinction, both old and young, than the

Mummaugh home. Mrs. Mummaugh was especially fond of young people and their society, and they seemed to flock toward her. Her many acts of charity were without number, but whenever she gave and whatever she did for the good and comfort of others she never spoke of, and many of the poor and needy will doubly miss her. Her noble life, her womanly graces of character, her strong sympathy have made her memory a blessed benediction to all who knew her."

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### ISAAC CLAYPOOL.

Isaac Claypool, deceased, passed his entire life in the house where he first opened his eyes to the light of day, on the 29th of June, 1821. Throughout the intervening period he not only watched with interest the progress of events which have made the county's history, but bore his part in the work of improvement and advancement, and well does he deserve mention as one of the honored citizens of the community. He represented one of the oldest families of the county and traced his ancestry back to James Claypool, who was born February 16, 1701, and died October 9, 1789. His wife, Jane Claypool, passed away June 2, 1758. They resided near Moorefield, Hardy county, West Virginia.

Their son, James Claypool, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, was born De-

cember 1, 1730, and died August 11, 1811. He was married October 31, 1753, to Margaret Dunbar, who was born November 20, 1736, and died March 26, 1813. She was a daughter of John Dunbar. Unto James and Margaret (Dunbar) Claypool were born the following children: Margaret Ann, who was born February 9, 1754, and married David Thomas; Hannah, who was born November 6, 1756, and became Mrs. Evans; Jane, who was born January 31, 1758, and married Abram Peppers, who removed with his family to Ross county, Ohio; Abraham, who was born April 2, 1762, and married Ann Wilson, locating in Ross county; Esther, who was born August 28, 1764, and became the wife of Jeremiah Jacobs, their home being in Bloomfield, Nelson county, Kentucky; Ruth, who was



born July 21, 1766, and married Robert Denton, of Covington, Fountain county, Indiana; Isaac, who was born February 7, 1769, and married Miss Macker, locating in Ross county; Rachel, born January 9, 1771, the wife of John Woodard, of Licking county; Rhoda, born March 25, 1773; Jacob, who was born March 17, 1775, and became the father of our subject; Elizabeth, born March 19, 1778; and Kersey, born July 7, 1780, the wife of Isaac Blizzard, of Licking county.

Jacob Claypool, the father, was united in marriage to Margaret Baker, of Harrisonburg, Rockingham county, Virginia, March 5, 1799. She was a daughter of Michael Baker of that place and died near Lancaster, Ohio, June 22, 1828, while Jacob Claypool died October 27, 1843. Their children were nine in number. Emma, born April 2, 1800, was married October 19, 1820, to Joseph Grubb, and died May 20, 1832. Elizabeth, born August 17, 1801, was married March 12, 1822, to Stephen Yale, of Somerset, and died September 10, 1823. Mary born January 12, 1803, died August 13, 1823. James, born November 14, 1804, died May 17, 1824. Albert, born December 5, 1806, was married March 23, 1826, to Phebe Hooker, a daughter of Richard Hooker, and after her death wedded Rebecca Mounts. He died near Morrow, Ohio, November 2, 1872. Wesley, born February 15, 1810, died June 25, 1877. He was married November 9, 1830, to Katherine McNeil, who died February 22, 1879, at Chillicothe, Ohio. Felix, born March 8, 1812, died September 1, 1826.

Jacob, born February 23, 1816, died May 26, 1835, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Isaac, the youngest of the family, is the subject of this review.

It was in the year 1808 that the parents removed from Virginia to Fairfield county, Ohio, locating in the midst of the forest, where the father built a log cabin and then began to clear and cultivate the land. He paid eight dollars per acre for one-half of his land and for the other half he gave less than that amount. As acre after acre was cleared he placed it under the plow and in course of time abundant harvests rewarded his labors, but in the early days the family endured all of the hardships and trials of life on the frontier. This farm was not sold at the time of the government land sales but was a part of the Indian reservation occupied by the Wyandotte tribe and known as Yankeetown. James Brooks, Mr. Crook and Drake Taylor squatted on this land in the year 1799 and it was purchased by Jacob Claypool in 1805. About three years later he located thereon and built the house in which his son Isaac continued to live throughout his life. He educated himself in land surveying and in this as well as in all other transactions of life he proved to be a man of more than ordinary ability. His note books show that he surveyed land in all parts of the state. He was three times elected to the state legislature, first in 1816, again in 1818, and a third time in 1822, but still higher honors awaited him, for in 1824 he was chosen to represent his district in the state senate, filling that position with credit to himself and satisfaction to his





constituents. Throughout his business career he followed droving and as late as 1840 drove stock to all the principal eastern markets. He was not only an educated man, but was thorough and correct in all business transactions. In 1826 the Barret woolen mills, of Fairfield county, were destroyed by fire and as the owner was not able to rebuild, Jacob Claypool, John Creed and Samuel F. MacCracken were commissioned by the state legislature to organize a lottery company, the earnings of which were to be used in rebuilding the mill. Mr. Claypool was often called upon to settle estates, being well qualified for this by reason of his known business ability and his inflexible honesty.

Isaac Claypool, the youngest member of the family, was reared amid the wild scenes of pioneer life, and began his education in the old-time log school house so common at an early day. He afterward attended the academy in Greenfield township and he remained at home until twenty-two years of age, when, on the 17th of August, 1843, he married Nancy Mason, who had been his school-mate in childhood days. She was a daughter of John and Ann Mason, and was born January 22, 1821, her death occurring October 16, 1855. On the 18th of March, 1858, Mr. Claypool was again married, his second union being with Sarah A. Pierce, who was born in Dover, New Hampshire, November 15, 1836, and died March 18, 1893. On the 1st of August, 1895, Mr. Claypool married Anna E. Cosgrove, who was born April 9, 1843, in Milflin county, Pennsylvania, and died March 23, 1898.

By the marriage of Isaac and Nancy Claypool were born the following named: Jacob is represented on another page of this work; Anna Mary was born July 15, 1844; Emma Eliza was born November 20, 1848, and was married June 7, 1877, to David Buffner and after his death was married September 10, 1889, to Alexander McCowan; James is also mentioned on another page of this work; Nancy Jane, born August 25, 1853, was married September 3, 1874, to Smiley Caldwell, and died September 12, 1888. Their children were Jacob Maurice, born March 29, 1876; Earl Claypool, born December 19, 1877; Fanny Beatrice, who was born September 21, 1879, and died February 25, 1889; and Anna Lucile, born January 8, 1886. By the second marriage of Isaac Claypool there were four children: Frank Pierce, born April 16, 1859, was married October 1, 1883, to Lizzie Prindle, by whom he has one son, Isaac, born August 14, 1889. John Reber, the second member of the family, was born March 11, 1861, and was married March 1, 1884, to Retta Carnes, their children being Ralph Ellbridge, born August 7, 1885; and Sarah Abbie, born January 2, 1888. Ada Maud and Ida Pierce, twin daughters of Isaac and Sarah Claypool, were born April 13, 1865. The latter was married October 10, 1888, to William E. Shell, and died September 10, 1894. Ada Maud was married September 14, 1892, to Albert F. Crayton, and they have one child, Abigail, born May 31, 1896.

Immediately after his first marriage Isaac Claypool, Sr., located on the old home



farm, and at the time of his death he and James W. Wilson were the oldest residents of the township. He always carried on farming and stock-raising, and was the only man that ever took a drove of cattle from this county to Boston, Massachusetts. He was a young man when he made that trip. For many years he continued to engage in stock-dealing and at one time he was the owner of twelve hundred acres of land, all in Greenfield township. At the time of his death he still owned nine hundred acres, having given the other three hundred acres to his children. For some time he lived retired, his son John R. transacting his business affairs. In politics he was first a Whig and on the dissolution of the party he became a Republican, voting for Lincoln and McKinley and all the intervening presidents of that party. He was ap-

pointed by Governor Ford as a member of the committee to purchase the Home Farm of Ohio, and while he was never a politician in the sense of office seeking, he exerted considerable influence in political and public affairs. He was largely instrumental in securing the right of way for the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad through the county, giving the right of way on his own land and helping to secure it from others. He was long a faithful member of the Presbyterian church and his life was in harmony with its teachings. Honorable and upright, true to his friends, reliable in business and loyal in citizenship, from pioneer times to the time of his death Isaac Claypool was an honored resident of Fairfield county, where he always maintained his home and where he was a revered patriarch of the community.

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### FRANK P. STRAYER, M. D.

In taking up the personal history of Dr. Frank P. Strayer we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely known in Fairfield county. Here he has spent his entire life and has become known not only as a successful physician and surgeon of Bremen but also as a gentleman of extensive and important business interests, belonging to that class of representative Americans who while promoting their individual success also advance the general prosperity.

The Doctor was born in the village of Sugar Grove, Fairfield county, October 23, 1855. His father, Jacob Strayer, was a native of Maryland, born in 1818, and with his parents, Nicholas and Eva (Everhart) Strayer, came to Fairfield county. The year 1828 witnessed their arrival and the family settled in Berne township near what is now Berne Station, where the grandfather and grandmother spent their remaining days. Jacob Strayer, the Doctor's father, was





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reared to manhood on the old family homestead and afterward married Sarah E. Brandon, of Berne township, a daughter of William and Nancy (Barr) Brandon. Her parents were natives of Virginia, having been born in Rockingham county in the Old Dominion, whence they emigrated westward to Fairfield county, Ohio. The natal day of Mrs. Strayer was October 20, 1825. Her girlhood days were spent under the parental roof in Fairfield county and when she attained womanhood she gave her hand in marriage to Jacob Strayer. They began their domestic life in the village of Sugar Grove, where for a number of years he engaged in general merchandising, but at length he disposed of his stock of goods and removed to the farm owned by his father, Nicholas Strayer. There he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred November 29, 1884. His wife passed away in July, 1900. In their family were eight children, six of whom reached years of maturity, two having died in infancy. The living are: William J., a farmer; Eliza J., the widow of Noah Seifert; P. W.; Flora A., the wife of S. W. Lehman, of Bremen; Charles B., a resident farmer of Illinois; Ella, who is married and resides in the state of Washington.

Doctor Strayer, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in the common schools. He afterward went to Worthington, where he continued his studies for some time, and after preparing for college he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, where he attended for several terms. At intervals he engaged in teaching

school and he began preparation for the practice of medicine as a student in the office of Dr. E. A. Framton, of Bremen. Later he matriculated in the Columbus Medical College, which was afterward merged in the Starling Medical College, and in that institution he was graduated in the class of 1879. After his graduation he located in Bremen, where he opened an office and has since been actively engaged in practice, his success increasing as the years have gone by. He has good ability both as a physician and surgeon and the desirable results which have attended his efforts have won public confidence in his skill. In connection with his practice he is engaged in the manufacture of many kinds of handles, operates a planing mill and a sawmill and is manufacturing hard lumber. His industrial interests are proving profitable and bring to him a good return on his investments.

For several years he was a member of the city council and his efforts were effective and far reaching in promoting measures of general good. He was instrumental in providing Bremen with paved walks, built of brick of a superior quality. In furthering this cause the Doctor used his own time and a considerable amount of capital. He met with stubborn opposition from many of the taxpayers, but succeeded in securing the paving and now receives praise from those who were among the strongest opponents. He has always been a staunch advocate of good roads, and through his zeal and activity Bremen has fine gravel roads leading out into the country for miles each way. He is regarded as one of the most public-spirited





men in this portion of the county, and certainly his efforts have been of material benefit to the community. Any movement which he believes will promote the general

welfare is always sure to receive his co-operation and support and well does he deserve mention among the representative and honored men of Bremen.

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## CHARLES W. OUTCALT.

In no profession within the last half century has there been as rapid development and progress as in the profession of dentistry. Rapid strides have been made toward perfection and with the most advanced thought and methods of the day Dr. Charles Willoughby Outcalt has kept in touch in the conduct of his office in Lancaster, where a large and constantly increasing patronage is accorded him.

A native of Lancaster, he was born in 1864, where he grew to manhood, acquiring his literary education in the public schools. He is a son of Jesse and Catherine (Davis) Outcalt, also natives of this county. On putting aside his text books, from which he had acquired his literary education, the Doctor began preparing for the profession of dentistry, becoming a student in the office of Dr. Palmiter, of Lancaster, under whose direction he not only obtained theoretical knowledge but also much practical experience. In 1887 he matriculated in the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania and in that institution was graduated. Immediately afterward he returned to Lancaster, and his success here sets at naught the old adage that a prophet

is never without honor save in his own country, for in the city in which his entire life has been passed Dr. Outcalt has built up a large business. He is thoroughly conversant with and in touch with the most improved methods of workmanship, has all the most improved instruments and appliances for advancing his efficiency in practice and the excellent character of his work has enabled him to enjoy a practice that is constantly growing in numbers.

In 1895 Dr. Outcalt was united in marriage to Miss Adelaide Consega, of Lancaster, and their circle of friends here is very extensive, while their own home is noted for a gracious and pleasing hospitality. The Doctor is a comparatively young man, possessed of untiring energy and laudable ambition and already is so widely known as a prominent and representative member of the dental fraternity that he is a valued contributor to many journals and dental magazines. His observations and experiments have broadened his knowledge concerning the profession and its work, and his original research is of acknowledged benefit to the dental fraternity throughout the world.



## HENRY CLAY DRINKLE.

Actively engaged in the practice of law and winning high encomiums for his faithful discharge of official duty, Henry Clay Drinkle is numbered among the leading and enterprising citizens of Lancaster. His birth occurred here February 28, 1845, and he is the only son of Peter G. and Nancy (Miller) Drinkle. Peter Drinkle, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was of German descent. The father, who was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1810, was a tanner by trade and on emigrating westward took up his abode in Fairfield, Ohio, in 1842. Not long afterward he located in Lancaster, where he established a tannery, and was engaged in the manufacture of leather up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1850. His wife was born in Virginia, August 5, 1822, and with her parents, Thomas and Maria Miller, came to Fairfield county. Here she spent her remaining days, her death occurring on the 12th of October, 1892. She was the mother of nine children.

In the public schools of Lancaster, Henry Clay Drinkle acquired his elementary education, which was supplemented in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, where he remained a student for three years. After putting aside his text books he entered the office of the Lancaster Gazette, a Republican paper, and there learned the art of printing, but his connection with journalism did not continue long, for soon he began reading law with Judge John S. Brasee and was admitted to the bar before

the supreme court, which met in Lancaster in 1878. Immediately afterward Mr. Drinkle opened an office in this city and was soon appointed deputy internal revenue assessor for Hocking and Perry counties, in which capacity he served for four years, when the office was abolished. On the expiration of that period he began active law practice in Lancaster, forming a partnership with his preceptor, John S. Brasee, and the relation was maintained with mutual pleasure and profit until January, 1883, when Mr. Drinkle was elected president of the Hocking Valley National Bank, and for one year continued at the head of that institution. In April, 1895, he was elected mayor of Lancaster and served for three years, capably handling the reins of city government. He there exercised his official prerogatives in support of all measures which he believed would contribute to the general good and his efforts in behalf of Lancaster proved of much value.

On the 26th of November, 1890, Mr. Drinkle was united in marriage to Miss Kate Vorys, of Lancaster, a daughter of Isaiah and Emma (Webb) Vorys. Mrs. Drinkle was born and reared in this city and by her marriage has become the mother of two children, Charles R., born in May, 1891; and Mary Catherine, born in June, 1894. Mr. Drinkle is a member of Lancaster Lodge, No. 57, F. & A. M., also belongs to the chapter, and has attained to the Knight Templar degree in the commandery. In June, 1891, he was appointed by Gov-



error Bushnell as common pleas judge to fill out the unexpired term of William Schultz, who died in office, and Mr. Drinkle presided over that court until the following November. In his profession he has attained to an enviable position. A man who builds for a life time builds slowly and well. His advancement is usually by fixed degrees. He makes each forward step with a care that conduces to both safety and progress and depends not on fortuitous circumstances

but upon earnest, hard work. Among Lancaster's many carefully trained lawyers there is none who more willingly acknowledges his advancement to faithful labor and to the lessons learned in the school of experience. His legal learning, his analytical mind, the readiness with which he grasps a point in an argument all combine to make him one of the strongest members of Lancaster's bar and to gain him prestige as a representative of the profession.

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### THOMAS COLE.

Thomas Cole, who is now leading a retired life in Amanda township upon the farm which has long been his home, is accounted one of the native sons of Fairfield county. His birth occurred in Amanda township, February 15, 1828, and he belongs to one of the old and honored families of this portion of the state. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Cole, was born in Pennsylvania in 1757 and was united in marriage to Elizabeth Stevens. It was in the year 1801 that he emigrated westward, leaving the Keystone state in order to make a home upon the wild western frontier of Ohio. He took up his abode in what is now Amanda township, Fairfield county, where he purchased a section of land, upon which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made. The hardships and trials of a pioneer life were borne by himself and

family, but as the years progressed he was enabled to supply his home with all of the comforts and conveniences known to the older east. He erected a hewed-log house, and although it was not very commodious and its furnishings were primitive, happiness reigned there and the family bravely took their part in the work of development and improvement, their labors being crowned with success. The grandfather died in 1840. He served his country as a member of a scouting party in the Revolutionary war, but was not in the regular army. After the organization of the parties of the Republic he became a Whig, and in religious faith he was an old school Baptist. His wife died in 1831 when about seventy-one years of age.

The parents of our subject were Broad and Leah (Peters) Cole. The father was



born in Amanda township and throughout his entire life lived upon that farm, which was endeared to him through the associations of his boyhood as well as those of his manhood. His birth occurred in 1802 and after reaching manhood he gave his entire attention to general farming and stock-raising, his business affairs being so capably conducted that he met with a gratifying degree of prosperity. He too voted the Whig ticket in early life, but after the dissolution of that party he joined the Democratic party. He never cared for or held office, but was content to do his duty as a private citizen. He belonged to the old school Baptist church and his life was an honorable and upright one. His home always continued to be the old homestead, comprising two hundred twenty-eight acres, which he obtained from his father.

After arriving at years of maturity he wedded Leah Peters, whose birth occurred at Manchester, Maryland in 1806. She came to Fairfield county when a little maiden of six summers, accompanied by her parents, Samuel and Mary (Stevenson) Peters, the former a prominent and progressive farmer of his day. He died in 1831. The mother of our subject spent her entire married life on the old Cole homestead and died in 1893, while the father of our subject passed away in 1882 at the age of eighty years. In their family were twelve children, of whom Thomas Cole is the eldest. Seven of the number are yet living, all sons.

Thomas Cole, whose name forms the caption of this review, acquired his early education in the common schools of his township and when he had mastered the branches

of learning there, he matriculated in the academy at Greenfield, Ohio. Afterward he assisted his father in carrying on the home farm until he had attained the age of manhood. Even then he remained on the old homestead until his marriage, at which time he purchased a portion of the farm upon which he now resides, having made it his home continuously for half a century. He owned and operated two hundred twenty acres of land, of which one hundred fifty acres lies within Fairfield county, while the remainder is across the border in Pickaway county. He has erected all the buildings upon this place, substantial barns and other structures for the sheltering of grain and stock, as well as a comfortable residence, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry. Throughout his business career he carried on general farming and stock-raising, and his labors resulted successfully, for as time passed he had added annually to his capital until he is now the possessor of a very handsome competence, which enables him to live retired.

In February, 1852, Mr. Cole was united in marriage in Pickaway county to Miss Mary J. Courtright, the daughter of Jesse D. and Sallie (Stout) Courtright. Her father was born in Fairfield county and lived here until he had attained to man's estate, when he removed to Pickaway county, where he followed farming for many years. His death occurred in Circleville, Ohio, Ohio, as a salesman for Shillito & Company. Returning to Lancaster, he became when he was about sixty-two years of age. His father, John Courtright, was one of the early and honored pioneer settlers of





Fairfield county, residing here continuously from the time of his arrival until his death. He was a prominent and enterprising farmer, who did much toward reclaiming the wild land and transforming it into cultivated fields. His death occurred at his home in this county. Mrs. Cole, the wife of our subject, was born in Clear Creek township, Fairfield county, and by her marriage became the mother of eight children, seven of whom are still living. John, who is a farmer residing in Columbiana county, Ohio, married Miss Ephama Battin, of Clark county, Ohio, who died about thirteen years ago, leaving one child, Harry B., who now resides in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, being employed there. Amanda is the wife of A. R. Work, a resident farmer and stock raiser of Madison township, Pickaway county. Emma is the wife of H. C. Bailey, of Amanda township, who is engaged in teaching in the public schools, having been identified with educational interests in that way for twenty-seven years. He was born in this county and is a son of Martin and Margaret (Smith) Bailey, the former an early settler of this county and a farmer by occupation, devoting his energies to that pursuit until his life's labors were ended in death. Professor H. C. Bailey has served as county school examiner for the past three years. He is widely known as a successful educator of marked ability and his labors have largely promoted the standard of the schools in this locality. Unto him and his wife have been born five children: Ross, Ralph, Dwight, Hazel and Lorena. The last named is now deceased. Nathan died

in 1862 at the age of one year. Alva resides in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and holds a government position as superintendent of construction at Fort Rodman. He married Laura Koontz, of Columbus, Ohio. George is employed in the railway mail service on the Pittsburg & St. Louis road, having held that position for the past nine years. He married Carrie Horsch, of Dublin, Franklin county, and they are now living in Columbus. Lewis, a resident farmer of Pickaway county, Ohio, wedded Cora Beatty, and they have one child, Dana. Frank is a stenographer residing in New York city, and married Nellie Ford, of Poughkeepsie, New York, by whom he has one child, Agnes. All of the children were born in Amanda township on the farm where the father is now living. The mother passed away on the old family homestead January 21, 1902, at the age of sixty-nine years and was laid to rest in the cemetery of Lithopolis. She was an estimable lady and her loss was deeply mourned not only by her immediate family but by her many friends.

Mr. Cole has filled many public positions of honor and trust, to which he has been called by his fellow townsmen, who recognized his worth and ability. He has served as an assessor and trustee of his township and for many years was justice of the peace, discharging his duties with absolute fairness and impartiality. He belongs to the Baptist church and for twenty-five or thirty years has been one of its leaders, doing all in his power to advance its work and promote its upbuilding. He is an



earnest advocate of all measures tending to promote the public good, and the welfare of his county he has deeply at heart. He has witnessed many changes that have occurred here during seven decades and he has ever borne his part in making the county what it is to-day. He has seen its wild lands reclaimed for purposes of civilization and the barren tracts have been made to bloom and blossom as the rose. He has wit-

nessed the growth of town and village; the introduction of industries and manufacturing, while schools and churches have indicated the intellectual and moral progress. He is now numbered among the venerable citizens of the county, having passed the Psalmists's span of three score years and ten. His life is in many respects well worthy of emulation, for he is of a high type of American manhood.

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### CALEB H. PEARCE.

The history of the agricultural interests of Fairfield county would be incomplete without mention of the Pearce family, that since early days has contributed its share to the progress, development and upbuilding of this portion of the state. James Reed Pearce, the father of our subject, was born in Ireland about 1790 and in that country acquired his education. When still quite young, however, he left the Emerald Isle and as a sailor followed the seas for about twelve years, but finally took up his abode in Rhode Island. At a later date he removed to Worthington, Ohio, and subsequently came to Berne township, Fairfield county, where he spent his remaining days. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Briggs, a native of Massachusetts, and their children were six in number, namely: Christina, Isaac, James, Henry, Caleb H. and Newton. The home farm

comprised one hundred and two acres of land, which Mr. Pearce had purchased when he arrived in this county. In connection with agricultural pursuits he operated a wool carding mill, there being but two in the entire county. He was a very successful man in business, being known throughout this portion of the state as a leading representative of industrial and agricultural interests. All his business affairs were guided by sound judgment and his word was regarded as good as his bond. His political support was given the Whig party until 1860, when he voted for Abraham Lincoln. He held a number of public offices, served for several years as justice of the peace, was school examiner, and filled other positions of public trust and responsibility. Fraternally he was connected with the Masonic lodge of Lancaster and was a member of the Episcopal church.



Caleb H. Pearce was born in this county on the 31st of October, 1832, and is now the only one living in his father's family. At the usual age he entered the district schools to acquaint himself with the branches of English learning which form the basis of all our knowledge. He attended school for about three months each year and having completed his school life at the age of twenty-one years, he thereafter gave all his attention to the work of the home farm. He continued to engage in its operations until the place was sold to the board of education as a site for the Crawfiss Institute, which now stands there. Mr. Pearce then purchased a farm near Royalton, Ohio, where he is still living. In his political

views he is a staunch Republican and he belongs to the Reformed church of Sugar Grove. Upright and honorable, he commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he is brought in contact either in business or social life and is held in high regard by the entire community in which he lives.

In 1850 Mr. Pearce was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ruble, a native of Berne township, Fairfield county, and to this happy union were born eleven children, of whom six are yet living: Mary Elizabeth; Edward C.; Alice Eugenia, wife of H. Baumgardner, a prominent citizen of Sugar Grove; Mildred E.; Isaac N. and George R.

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### CHARLES H. TOWSON.

Charles H. Towson was born June 28, 1851, in Lancaster, Ohio, and in the public schools he began his education, continuing until he had partially mastered a high school course, but he was not privileged to complete a course, for circumstances made it necessary for him to seek employment. For three years he worked at the carpenter's trade as an employe of the firm of Orman Brothers, but in the winter of the third year the plant was closed for lack of work and Mr. Towson was therefore forced to turn his attention to other pursuits. He engaged to solicit insurance for the Ohio

Farmers Insurance Company and found that he had superior ability in that direction. Later in the same year he established a fire insurance agency of his own and for twenty-eight years has continued in the business, representing some of the strongest companies in this country and in Europe, being connected with many of these throughout the entire period in which he has been engaged in the insurance business. As he prospered in his undertakings he made judicious investments in real estate, buying lots at the edge of the city. He made the first subdivision of what is now known as



the Hop Company's addition to the city and thereon erected houses, selling them on the monthly installment plan. That Mr. Towson is a man of resourceful business ability, of marked enterprise and keen discernment is indicated by the many important business concerns with which he has been identified and which have profited by his wise counsel and capable management. He was one of the organizers of the Square Deal Savings & Loan Company, of which he became secretary, continually serving in that capacity until the present time. This is one of the strong financial institutions of the city and one of the most important. It has done a splendid work in enabling many to secure homes who otherwise could not have done so had they had to make an entire payment outright for the property. For one year Mr. Towson was the president of the Lancaster Board of Trade, assisted in its reorganization and for the past two years has been its secretary. At a recent date in connection with C. P. Colé and William L. Martin, he became the owner of the Lancaster Bank, the oldest institution of its kind in the city, and is now its vice-president.

Although his business interests have ever been of a character to promote the general prosperity as well as his individual success, Mr. Towson has also labored for the public good along lines whereby he has been in no means benefited, co-operating in every movement for the general good. He has served as a member of the city council from the fourth ward for four years and

during that time was chairman of the committee on public property and the finance committee. During this period the public park at the square was improved under the direction of his committee. In the early days he took a very active part in many secret and benevolent orders. He was one of the charter members of Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 48, K. P., and still retains membership in that organization. He is also a member of Charity Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., and past grand patriarch of Hock Hocking Encampment, No. 28. He is also a member of the Mystic Circle and of the Royal Arcanum and belongs to the Lancaster Athletic Club. The moral development of the community also receives his attention and support. He is interested in the Union Mission Sunday-school on the west side and at the present time is serving as its superintendent. To say of him, whose name heads this sketch, that he has risen unaided from comparative obscurity to rank among the most prominent and successful business men of Lancaster is a statement that seems trite to those familiar with his life, yet his work has contributed to the development of Lancaster, forming a part of its history, a history that will descend to future generations who should know that the business record of Charles H. Towson is one that any man would be proud to possess. He has advanced step by step until he is now occupying a position of prominence and trust in his native city. Through his entire business career he has been looked upon as a model of integrity and honor,





never making an engagement that he has not fulfilled and standing to-day an example of what determination and force, combined with the highest degree of business integrity, can accomplish for a man of natural ability and strength of character. He has the respect and confidence of a large circle of business associates.

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### LOUIS J. SNYDER.

Few men are more prominent or more widely known in the enterprising city of Lancaster than Louis J. Snyder. He has been an important factor in business circles and his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that never flags. He is public spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the welfare of the city and his own labors have been a potent element in promoting the material development of the city, where he is now carrying on a wholesale business as a dealer in lime, cement, hair and coal, handling the last named product in very large quantities.

Mr. Snyder was born in this city, December 23, 1857. His father, Henry Snyder, was born in Germany and when in his sixteenth year crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in Lancaster, Ohio, where he engaged in general merchandising for many years, being thus connected with commercial interests of the city until within a short time of his death, which occurred on the 8th of January, 1891. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Catherine Hengst, was

also a native of Germany and was a maiden of twelve summers when she crossed the briny deep to the new world in company with her father, John Hengst, who became an early settler of Lancaster. Mrs. Snyder survived her husband for two years, passing away on the 8th of August, 1893. In the family were nine children who reached mature years and seven are still living. In order of birth they were Catherine, Henry, William, John, Elizabeth, George W., Charles F., Louis J. and Sarah.

In the city where he still makes his home Louis J. Snyder was reared and educated and on leaving school he entered upon his business career in the capacity of clerk, being employed by various parties. He first embarked upon an independent venture as a retail grocery merchant and as his financial resources increased he began dealing in coal. Finally his business was merged into a wholesale venture and he became a jobber, selling his products in carloads along the line of the railroad. For some years he received his supply of coal by canal and now all business is conducted through the medium of the railroads. His trade has



constantly increased and has now assumed extensive proportions, so that his large sales annually return to him a very gratifying income.

Mr. Snyder is also largely interested in real estate and handled much property during the years of 1896-7. He was engaged in the sale of lots and city property and owns considerable valuable realty within the corporate limits of Lancaster and also some outside the city. For seven years he was a director of the Citizens' Loan & Building Association. His present place of business is on West Main street and he is regarded as one of the successful, progressive business men of Lancaster.

For fourteen years Mr. Snyder was the secretary and superintendent of the Lancaster city water works, during which time many of the principal improvements in the system were made. The new reservoir was

secured and the new water mains were extended from six to fourteen miles. The system was perfected under his direction, new grades were established, new boilers and new machinery were secured and the plant thus became one of the most complete in this portion of the state. Of its water works Lancaster has every reason to be proud. Politically Mr. Snyder is a Democrat and takes great interest in securing the election of his friends and the success of his party. He is a member of the board of equalization, but has not sought many favors at the hands of his party. As a citizen he is alert and enterprising and co-operates heartily in all movements for the general good. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and notably reliable. Tireless energy, keen perception and honesty of purpose, joined to every-day common sense, these are his chief characteristics.

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## JOSEPH P. GUNDY.

Joseph P. Gundy, whose efforts contribute to the commercial activity of Carroll, where he is engaged in grain dealing, was born in December, 1867. His father, Isaac Gundy, was also born on the same farm and still resides there, at the ancestral home in which the grandfather, Joseph Gundy, first settled on coming to this locality, as a pioneer. The subject of this review spent his early life upon the home farm. He attended the district schools of the neighborhood

and afterward continued his education in the high school at Carroll and as a companion and helpmate on life's journey he chose Miss Jessie Wilson, the marriage being celebrated on the 11th of March, 1891. The lady was a daughter of William D. Wilson, a nurseryman of Illinois, who died in 1873. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gundy took up their abode on one of his father's farms, known as the Copman Nursery Farm and his time was devoted to the



cultivation of the fields and to dealing in live stock. He continued in this line of business until March, 1900, when he entered into partnership with his father under the firm name of Isaac Gundy & Son for the purpose of dealing in hay, grain and coal. They purchased the H. J. Knively elevator at Carroll, where they are doing a successful business, handling a large amount of grain annually and thus securing a good income.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Gundy has been blessed with two children: Fern, who was born November 25, 1892; and Neal, born January 30, 1897. Our subject and his wife are well known in the community and he is widely recognized as an enterprising and progressive business man, whose efforts furnish a market to the farmers of the community and at the same time brings to him a highly creditable degree of success.

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## HORATIO G. TROUT.

There are few men whose lives are crowned with the honor and respect which is universally accorded Horatio G. Trout, but through more than half a century's connection with Lancaster's history his has been an unblemished character. With him success in life has been reached by his sterling qualities of mind and heart. True to every manly principle, he has never deviated from what his judgment would indicate to be right and honorable between his fellow men and himself. He has never swerved from the path of duty, and now after a long and eventful career he can look back over the past with pride and enjoy the remaining years of his earthly pilgrimage with a consciousness of having gained for himself by his honorable, straightforward career the confidence of the entire community in which he lives.

Horatio Gates Trout was born in Milton, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1829, and there he mastered the tailoring trade, learning the business in all of its various departments. He was about eighteen years of age when he came to Lancaster and since that time he has been continuously identified with the commercial development of the city. He arrived here on the 24th of July, 1847, and at once entered the employ of Henry Springer, for whom he continued to work until 1850, when he was admitted to a partnership in the tailoring business. This relation was maintained for ten consecutive years, on the expiration of which period Mr. Trout withdrew from the firm and accepted a position as chief cutter for Philip Rising. His thorough understanding of the work and his capability led to his retention in that position until 1867.



when, desiring to engage in business on his own account, he resigned and entered into partnership with Orrin E. Peters and John Reber in the clothing and merchant tailoring business, under the firm style of Peters, Trout & Company. This relation was maintained until 1876, when Mr. Reber retired from the firm and Messrs. Peters and Trout conducted the business, calling their store the Temple of Fashion. A salesman was employed to go upon the road, taking measures and selling suits by samples, and this in addition to their local trade brought to them an immense business, which annually increased and for a long period furnished employment to seventy operatives in their shop, while their sales amounted to eighty-five thousand dollars annually. The business was first conducted in the Marcuson room and later they removed to a room in the MacCracken block and afterward to a room in the J. C. Weaver block, but the constantly increasing business demanded larger quarters and the firm erected what is known as the Temple of Fashion Building, at the corner of the public square and Broad street, removing thereto in the spring of 1882. This is one of the largest and most imposing buildings of the city and stands as a monument to the enterprise and business ability of the owners.

In the year 1880 Mr. Peters removed to Cincinnati, but did not sell his interests in Lancaster at that time. From 1865 until 1867 he was in partnership with the brothers Peter and Gerhard Miller, and it was in the latter year that the partnership with our subject was formed. Mr. Peters

now resides in Cincinnati and is the treasurer of the King Powder Company and of the Peters Cartridge Company. In 1894 Mr. Trout purchased the interest of Mr. Peters in the real estate which they owned together, thus becoming the sole owner of the Temple of Fashion Building, and in January, 1896, he purchased his interest in the stock, thus becoming the absolute proprietor of the store and its contents. This is one of the largest substantial business interests of the city and the house has ever maintained an unassailable reputation in commercial circles, both on account of the excellent work furnished and of the honorable business methods pursued.

In September, 1849, Mr. Trout was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Card, and for more than a half century they have now traveled life's journey together. For fifty years Mr. Trout has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Lancaster and throughout the period has been connected with the Sunday-school either as a teacher or superintendent. He was appointed to the former position in 1847 by John M. Creed, who was then serving as superintendent. Later Mr. Trout was elected to the superintendency, and his efforts have been continuous and effective in the advancement of educational religious training for the young. For forty-five years he has served in offices of the church and for twenty-four years he has been a trustee of the Lancaster Camp Meeting, this covering the entire period of the existence of the organization. For six years Mr. Trout was also a prominent member of the school





board. His interest in everything pertaining to the general welfare has been deep and sincere, as is indicated by his active co-operation in measures for the general good. His unswerving purpose, his unquestioned fidelity, his unfaltering honesty and his un-

changing will have commanded the highest respect of all. He has been a leader in the cause of liberty, of freedom and of progress, and his hearty co-operation has ever been given to that which tends to elevate mankind.

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### CLIFF O. BEALS.

Cliff O. Beals, who is engaged in the practice of law in Pickerington and is numbered among the native sons of Fairfield county, his birth having occurred on the 15th of August, 1871, is a son of W. G. and Nancy (Bethel) Beals. His grandfather, George Beals, came to Ohio about seventy-five years ago, taking up his residence in Violet township. He served his country as a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war and became an active factor in the substantial development of this part of the state. In his family were four children: Enoch, Wood, Amanda and William G., but the only one now living is William G. Beals, the father of our subject. He has made his home in this county for three-quarters of a century, having taken up his abode, at the time of his arrival, in Violet township, but at the present time he is a resident of Pickerington. On reaching Ohio he located in Licking county, and during seventeen years he was in the gold fields of California. By trade he was a blacksmith, but during much of his active life he

followed farming in Violet township. At the present time he is living retired in the enjoyment of a well-merited rest. He was united in marriage to Nancy Bethel, a daughter of John Bethel, who was a native of Virginia, where he spent his entire life. He was one of a family of eight children and was reared by Jonathan Edwards. Unto William G. and Nancy Beals were born ten children, nine of whom are yet living, namely: Merrill, Sadie, George, Meta and Mary (twins), John, Cliff O., Alva and Nellie. Harry died at the age of eighteen years, the result of an accident.

Cliff O. Beals, whose name introduces this record, pursued his early education in the district schools of Violet township and later continued his studies in the Reynoldsburg high school, in which he was graduated. He then entered the Normal University at Ada, Ohio, taking a scientific course in 1892-3. He is not only a self-made man but is a self-educated man, for at an early age he began to earn his own living and he worked for his board during his



school life. He also did abstracting during his course in Ada and thus provided for the expenses of his college education. Subsequently he engaged in teaching school in the country for five years and in the meantime pursued the study of law, being admitted to the bar of Ohio on the 1st of March, 1894. He then began practice in Pickerington, where he has since been located, and has met with gratifying success, having been connected with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of the locality.

In August, 1897, Mr. Beals was united in marriage to Miss Laura Painter, a daughter of J. S. and Ellen Painter, of

Canal Winchester. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, of the Improved Order of Red Men and of the Woodmen of the World. For six years he has served as justice of the peace, and in his political views is a Republican, taking an active part in the work of the party, serving at the present time as a member of the executive and of the central committee. He is a young man, of large force of character, of laudable ambition and strong mentality, and these qualities have already gained for him creditable success and will doubtless win for him still greater success in the future.

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## ROBERT WORK.

The life span of Robert Work covered seventy-eight years. His record was one of activity in business, of faithfulness in citizenship, of honor in all his relations with his fellow men and of marked fidelity to the cause of Christ. He was born April 12, 1817, in this county and died upon his farm near Lancaster on the 2nd of November, 1890.

His parents, Joseph and Nancy Work, came to Fairfield county in 1810 and settled in Greenfield township in the vicinity of what was then called Wilderness Gap. The new district was an almost unbroken forest and the homes of the settlers were widely scattered. Blazed trees marked the

path through the forest, for there were no roads and the streams were unbridged. The settlers usually followed the old Indian trails as they made their way from one point to another and the red men were still found in this portion of the country, hunting in the forests and fishing in the streams, following their nomadic method of living, but being pushed constantly westward by the encroachment of civilization. The Work family experienced all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer experience. In the family were eleven children, all of whom reached years of maturity, were married and had families of their own, but none now survive.



Robert Work was the eighth child in the family and amid the wild scenes of the frontier he was reared, sharing with the others many trials which beset pioneer existence and at the same time enjoying pleasures which are only known amid such conditions. After arriving at years of maturity he wedded Miss Mary A. Wilson, the marriage being celebrated October 3, 1853. Her parents were David and Elizabeth (Brobst) Wilson, the former a native of Bedford, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Washington, D. C. They became pioneer settlers of Fairfield county, prospered in their undertakings here and were highly esteemed by all who knew them. Their daughter, Mrs. Work, was born in this county, October 16, 1835, and pursued her education in a private school in Rushville taught by Mrs. Anderson, the wife of a Presbyterian minister. Later she became an assistant in that school. In his business dealings Mr. Work was always reliable, straightforward and accurate and his name was synonymous with integrity. As the years passed five children came to bless the home, but one died at the age of ten years and another in infancy. The three who still survive are Edward, who is engaged in the livery business in Lancaster; Carrie, the wife of Frank Hoffman, a retired farmer residing on the old homestead; and Alice O., who married William Leiby, an agriculturist living in Greenfield township. These three children still survive their father, as does Mrs. Work.

A public spirited and progressive citi-

zen, Mr. Work was very active in support of all measures which he believed would prove of general good. He was especially strong as an advocate of good roads, giving of his time, labor and money to establish and improve them. He built many of the roads of the locality, although opposed by his neighbors, who, however, afterward acknowledge their indebtedness to him in this regard. He was never hasty in forming his opinions, but when once he had become convinced that a course was right, neither fear nor favor could swerve him. He was temperate in his habits, honorable in all his dealings and was a kind and indulgent parent. He always had a smile and a hearty hand clasp for his friends and he was never happier than when surrounded by his wife and children at his own fireside. In early life he united with the Presbyterian church and was long one of its most faithful and conscientious members, while for many years he served as one of its ruling elders. In his political views he was a pronounced Republican, yet he never sought or desired office. At all times he commanded the respect of his fellow men by his sterling worth and well does he deserve mention among the honored pioneers of Fairfield county, with whose history he was so long identified. Mrs. Work still survives her husband and in her seventy-seventh year is enjoying good health. She is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church and her labors have been effective in promoting its growth and upbuilding. She is



also untiring in her efforts to advance the temperance cause, and like her husband she enjoys the high esteem of all with whom she has come in contact, and it is with pleas-

ure that the writer presents to the readers of this volume—devoted as it is to the life records of representative citizens—the life record of two such worthy people.

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## JAMES T. POWERS.

James T. Powers has been connected with the fire department of Lancaster for a longer period than any other man and deserves the gratitude and commendation of his fellow men by reason of his watchfulness and his efficiency in times of danger. He was for a number of years chief of the department and at the present time is serving as assistant chief.

Mr. Powers was born in the city of Lancaster on the 2d of March, 1860, a son of Patrick and Mary (Lockery) Powers. The family is of Irish lineage and was founded in America by the paternal grandfather of our subject, who left the Emerald Isle and on coming to Ohio took up his abode in New Lexington but soon removed to Lancaster and was numbered among the pioneer settlers of the village, which has since grown to be the thriving and populous county seat. Patrick Powers was born here in the year 1832 and throughout his life span of forty years remained a resident of his native city, passing away in 1872. His wife, who still survives him, is yet living in Lancaster.

James T. Powers was reared in this city

and attended its public schools and afterward continued his education in St. Mary's parochial school. Putting aside his textbooks in his fourteenth year he then entered upon his business career in the employ of Henry Harter, a merchant, with whom he remained for six years, and thus Mr. Powers became quite familiar with that business. He afterward entered the employ of the Hocking Valley Railroad Company and was in the baggage and freight department for a period of twenty-one years, his long connection therewith being unmistakable evidence of his trustworthiness and efficiency. In 1878 he became a member of the fire department of Lancaster, and his service extends over a greater period than that of any one else connected therewith. He won promotion and for four years was chief of the department, while since August, 1901, he has served as assistant chief.

An important event in the life of Mr. Powers occurred in 1882, when he was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Otney, of Lancaster, a daughter of John and Laura Otney, who were early residents of this city. They now have two sons, Patrick H. and





Joseph Lewis. Their home is in the third ward, and in the city where they have always resided Mr. and Mrs. Powers have many friends. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the Democracy but has never sought or desired office, his atten-

tion being fully occupied by his business cares. He has a wide acquaintance in Lancaster, including many who have known him from boyhood. His circle of friends is extensive and all have a good word for James T. Powers.

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### RICHARD HOLMES.

Richard Holmes, a retired farmer and stock dealer, living in Carroll, has now passed the psalmist's span of three score years and ten, as he was born on a farm in Bloom township in 1829. His paternal grandfather was James Holmes, a native of Pennsylvania and one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war who fought from the commencement of the struggle till its close. He married and passed the most of his life in Pennsylvania, but his last years were spent in Ohio, where he died at his home in the northern part of Fairfield county. He became the father of thirteen sons and one daughter. Four of the sons were in the government service as civil engineers.

Thomas Holmes, the father of our subject, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1778, and in about 1804 came west. While on his way here he looked for land where now stands the city of Columbus, Ohio, but he did not consider it a good tract for farming purposes, so he continued on his way until he found a place where about ten acres had been cleared by

the Indians, who had used it for a long time, having cultivated corn there. He found, too, that the squatters had taken possession of the land, but he paid the man a small amount of money to leave it and it was then that Mr. Holmes became the owner of a tract on section 1, Bloom township, Fairfield county. Upon this farm he reared his family of five sons and five daughters. He married Rachel Wells, who was a daughter of George Wells, one of the honored pioneer settlers of the community, who had come to the west from Virginia. The family located near Hebron, where he lived until his death. He belonged to a family noted for patriotism and loyalty and with eight of his brothers he served his country in the war for independence, joining the army when the attempt was first made to throw off the yoke of British oppression and continuing with the colonial troops until the freedom of the nation had been won. He and his brothers were all mustered out of the service at the close of the war in good health. They were sons of



Alse Wells, whose family numbered altogether twenty-two sons and one daughter, including the nine Revolutionary heroes. Some of their descendants still reside in and near Rockingham county, Virginia. The marriage of Thomas Holmes and Rachel Wells was blessed with ten children, but our subject is now the only one living. The father engaged in farming and stock-raising, and as there were no railroads at that time he would drive his stock across the country to Baltimore. The country was so wild that the path which he followed was scarcely more than a trail and bad conditions of the roads made travel very slow, as is evidenced by the fact that it required from three to four months to make the trip from Ohio to Baltimore and return. Mr. Holmes continued to reside upon his farm until the time of his death, which occurred in 1847.

In the usual manner of farm lads of the period Richard Holmes spent the days of his boyhood and youth. On the 9th of June, 1874, he was united in marriage to Catherine Miller, a daughter of Peter Miller, a resident farmer of Liberty township, Fairfield county. Mr. Holmes had acquired his education in an old-time log school

house, where the methods of instruction were almost as primitive as the building occupied. He remained with his father until the latter's death in 1847, at which time he inherited a part of the old homestead. Two years later he sold his share to Samuel Kistler and the same year he purchased a farm from his brother Thomas. In 1855 he sold this tract of land to his brother George and his brother-in-law, Deacon Whiticar, who divided the property. For many years Mr. Holmes was a buyer and shipper of stock, sending his stock to Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York. His life, although quietly passed, has been a busy and useful one, and through legitimate channels of trade he has won a comfortable competence, which now enables him to live retired. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, firm in his support of the party, and in religious faith he is a Presbyterian. At the age of seventy-three years he can read and write without the use of spectacles and is a well preserved man. He always has a good word for his neighbors and by them is held in the highest esteem. No man deserves in a greater degree the warm regard of their fellow citizens than does Richard Holmes.

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### EDWARD W. WORK.

Edward W. Work was born in Greenfield township, Fairfield county, on the 24th of March, 1858. His parents, Robert and Mary (Wilson) Work, were among the

early settlers and much respected citizens of this county. They resided upon a farm and under the parental roof the subject of this review spent his boyhood days, taking his



place in the fields from the time he was old enough to handle a plow. He assisted in the work of planting and harvesting and when the labors of the fields were practically over for the year, he entered the common schools of the neighborhood, thus laying the foundation for his education. He was afterward a student in the schools of Lancaster for a time and remained upon the farm until his twenty-sixth year, when, determining to engage in other pursuits, he took up his abode in Lancaster, where he established a sale stable, conducting the same for twelve years. On the expiration of that period he purchased his present place, upon which he erected a large and substantial barn, eighty-two by one hundred eleven feet. This is constructed upon a modern

plan and the stable will accommodate seventy-five horses. It is also well equipped with vehicles of all styles, including buggies, surreys, hacks and road carts. He also engages in boarding horses for local parties, engages in buying and selling, and has the largest stable in Lancaster, doing the leading business in his line.

In 1881 occurred the marriage of Mr. Work and Miss Mary S. Springer, of Lancaster, and they now have one son, Robert, who is in school. Whatever success Mr. Work has achieved is due to his own energy. His name might be considered the index of his career, for he has ever been noted for indefatigable industry and this combined with his good business judgment, has brought to him desirable success.

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## ISAIAH VORYS.

With the building interests of Lancaster Isaiah Vorys is connected, and his thorough understanding of his chosen vocation, his workmanship and his fidelity to the terms of a contract have been potent forces in winning him success. He is to-day regarded as one of the leading contractors and builders of Fairfield county and many of the substantial structures of Lancaster stand as monuments to his skill.

A native of this city, Mr. Vorys was born on the 26th of March, 1832, and is descended from good old Revolutionary

stock. His paternal grandfather was Abraham Vorys, who served as a soldier of the Revolutionary war, acting most of the time as teamster and general wagonmaster, being chief of the train. His son, Abraham Vorys, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, was born in Virginia and for many years was engaged in teaming, driving from four to six horses to a wagon over the mountains to the markets. That was an important business in those days, prior to the building of the railroads, for all goods and produce had to be transported in that way. He mar-



ried a Miss O'Neil, a native of Ireland and a representative of an old Scotch-Irish family. Among their children was Isaiah Vorys, Sr., who was born in Virginia on the 19th of December, 1796. In the place of his nativity he remained until he had attained to man's estate and in 1823 he accompanied his parents in their removal to Columbus, Ohio, coming from the latter place to Lancaster in the year 1835. He married a Miss Worthington, of this city, who was a granddaughter of John Smith, a commissioned officer of the state militia, becoming captain of a company in the year 1803. Mrs. Vorys was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, February 4, 1804, and in 1822 came to Fairfield county with her parents, George Washington and Freda (Smith) Worthington. Mr. Vorys was a contractor and builder and throughout his entire business career was connected with that line of industrial activity, being a well known representative of the business in Lancaster in the first half of the nineteenth century. He followed his chosen pursuit until his death, which occurred in 1866. His wife, long surviving him, passed away in 1893.

Isaiah Vorys, whose name introduces this record, is the only son and living child of his parents. The common schools of Lancaster afforded him his early educational privileges and in his youth he learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of his father, who saw that he was thorough and accurate in every department of the work. As his efficiency became recognized his patronage constantly increased and con-

tracts were awarded him for the erection of many of the best dwellings, business blocks, churches and school houses of Lancaster. His labors have also been sought in surrounding country and he has a wide reputation as a most capable contractor and builder.

In 1854 Mr. Vorys was united in marriage to Miss Anna Webb, of Hocking county, Ohio, a daughter of the Rev. Thomas Webb, who was a Methodist Episcopal minister, devoting his life to the up-building of the church. He married Catherine Lindille. Mrs. Vorys' people removed from Virginia to Fairfield county in 1818, having previously been residents of Rockingham county in the Old Dominion. She lived to a very advanced age, passing away in 1886. She left the following children: Catherine, now the wife of the Hon. Clay H. Drinkle, the ex-probate judge of Fairfield county; Alice, the wife of John R. McLanghan, an importer of fine horses; and Arthur I. In 1886 Mr. Vorys was again married, his second union being with Miss May Wright, a daughter of John A. Wright, one of the early residents of Lancaster who came to Ohio from Virginia. His wife bore the maiden name of Margaret Smith and belonged to one of the old pioneer families which located in Lancaster in 1810.

Mr. Vorys gives his political support to the Democracy and for several terms has served as a member of the city council, having first been appointed to fill a vacancy and then elected to that office. He has also been a member of the school board of Lan-





caster for several years and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend. He is numbered among the consistent and valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church and for a long period he served as one of the teachers of the Sunday-school. He has a comfortable and substantial residence at No. 110 West Mulberry street and throughout the community is highly es-

teemed. He has made good use of his opportunities, has prospered from year to year, has conducted all business matters carefully and successfully and has thereby won prosperity. He always has a cheerful word and pleasant smile for all those with whom he comes in contact and is numbered among the valued residents of his native city.

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### JACOB J. WETZEL.

Jacob J. Wetzel, who for ten years has been in the government service, filling the position of postman in Lancaster, was born in the city which is still his home, his natal day being April 4, 1862. Almost thirty years before the family had been founded in America, coming to this country from the ancestral home in Germany. The parents of our subject were John and Elizabeth Wetzel, who became worthy citizens of Fairfield county. In their home the subject of this review spent his youth and enjoyed the educational privileges afforded in the public schools. He completed his literary education when in his seventeenth year and for several years thereafter was variously employed. He assisted his father in the hotel business and for nine years was in the employ of his brother, George Wetzel, in the drug trade, leaving the store to become connected with the mail service of this city as a postman. He was appointed to

that position in 1892 and has served continuously since through the different administrations, discharging his duties promptly, capably and with consideration for the patrons of the Lancaster post office and with marked fidelity to the government. Thus he has gained the public approval and has been retained in office to the present time.

On the 17th of March, 1889, Mr. Wetzel was united in marriage to Miss Sally May Boast, a daughter of William and Fanny (Faust) Boast. Her father was a native of England but in early childhood came to America and in pioneer days in Fairfield county took up his abode here. His wife was born in this county and was a granddaughter of Andrew Faust, an old-time resident of Lancaster, who had married Rachel Drum and had removed from Pennsylvania to Fairfield county, settling in Lancaster about 1820. Later he removed to a farm south of the city. The home of



Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel has been blessed with four children: Addie, Clara, Charles and Sarah M. They reside on East Main street. Mr. Wetzel is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and also holds membership relations with the Woodmen of the

World. His business connections have brought him a very wide acquaintance and he is popular by reason of his considerate, obliging manner, while those who know him intimately entertain for him strong friendship.

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### THOMAS B. COX.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man in Fairfield county who occupies a more enviable position in business circles than Thomas B. Cox, not alone on account of the brilliant success he has achieved but also on account of the honorable, straightforward business policies which he has ever followed. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution. It is true that he inherited much property; but in controlling this and enlarging his business interests he has shown excellent judgment, industry and keen sagacity, and his career demonstrates the truth of the saying that success is not the result of genius but the outcome of a clear judgment and experience.

Mr. Cox is numbered among the native sons of Fairfield county, his birth having occurred in the village of Greencastle on the 4th of March, 1826. He comes of a Scotch-Irish ancestry, although the family has long been established in America. His father, Thomas B. Cox, was born in the vicinity of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in

1797, and in 1807 came with his father, James Cox, and the family to Fairfield county. The settlement was made near Pleasantville and there amid pioneer scenes the Cox family underwent all the hardships and privations incident to the establishment of a home upon the western frontier. Thomas B. Cox purchased a large tract of land which was then covered by dense forest, the trees standing in their primeval strength. The work of progress and improvement seemed scarcely begun when he became a factor in the agricultural interests of the community, but his efforts were not confined alone to this line, his labors proving of value to the county in many ways. He was a man of large energy, force of character and keen sagacity and had great confidence in the future of Fairfield county and in the city of Lancaster, in which he spent the later years of his life. A part of his farm was platted and became what is known as the Cox addition to Lancaster. There Mr. Cox owned a number of houses and at his death he left to his family a large



estate, for as the years had advanced he made judicious and extensive investments in farm and city property. In early manhood he married Miss Elizabeth Van Pelt, and they took up their abode in Greencastle, where Mr. Cox conducted a store for a number of years. He also operated a tannery and was well known as a manufacturer of leather. His business interests were varied and important and he belonged to that class of representative American citizens who, while promoting individual success, also advanced the general prosperity. In military affairs he took a great interest and was a major in what was known as the White Horse Cavalry in the days of state militia. In his political views he was a stanch Democrat and was a great admirer as well as a personal friend of Thomas Benton. Thus active in commercial, industrial and agricultural interests, in military and political circles, he left the impress of his individuality upon the development and improvement of his adopted county, and for more than sixty years was accounted one of its valued citizens. He passed away January 9, 1871, and his wife died in 1873, in her seventy-ninth year. They were the parents of four children: William, now deceased; Thomas B., of this review; Richard; and J. E., who has also passed away.

In the village schools of Greencastle Thomas B. Cox began his education, which he continued in a select school of Lancaster, prosecuting his studies for six years and thereby winning that broad mental culture and discipline which is the foundation of all business success. After leaving school he

became superintendent of a grain business and also conducted a store in Greencastle. In 1857 he established a store in New Lexington, Perry county, and while there was elected a member of the city council, in which he served for six years, so that he was actively concerned with the government and control of that municipality. In 1865 he removed to Lancaster to take charge of his father's affairs, and upon his father's death, in 1871, he was appointed administrator of the estate, which was valued at one hundred and seven thousand dollars. The farms comprise five hundred and fifty acres in Fairfield county and another farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Missouri, which is owned by our subject. He also owns twenty-five lots and a number of dwellings in Lancaster, which he rents. His own substantial brick residence was erected in 1879 and is one of the attractive homes of the county seat, being celebrated for its gracious hospitality.

In 1865 Mr. Cox was united in marriage to Miss Celia R. Ditto, of Perry county, Ohio, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (King) Ditto. She was born in Perry county in 1836 and by her marriage has become the mother of six children, namely: Alice C., at home; Virginia, the wife of Harry Becker, a prominent dry goods merchant; Nellie B., who became the wife of Edward Roberts, of Davenport, Iowa, where she died in 1891; Elizabeth, at home; Belle E., who is also with her parents; and Thomas B., who is now foreman of Neeb's quarry, of this county, having



under his supervision about one hundred men.

Although the property and business interest of Mr. Cox demands much of his time, he has yet found opportunities to devote some time to literary matters and is a writer of interest and force, his publications in some of the principal journals throughout Ohio attracting widespread attention.

He is also interested in medical remedies and has compounded a medicine which he claims as an infallible cure for rheumatism. He is a man of scholarly attainments and broad general culture, reads widely and is well versed on the topics of the day. He is courteous and affable in manner, always approachable, and those who know him personally have for him a warm regard.

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### DAVID L. BRIGHT.

David L. Bright, who follows farming on section 26, Greenfield township, was born May 31, 1858. His father, David Bright, was born in Greenfield township in March, 1813, and was a son of a pioneer farmer. He operated his father's land until his marriage to Miss Arnold. They became the parents of seven children: Charles; James; Samuel; Emma, who married Adam Fisher, a farmer of Pleasant township; and Julia, the wife of William Spangler, a resident farmer of Walnut township. After the death of his first wife the father married Mrs. Crawford, a widow, whose maiden name was Susan Gissell. By this marriage there were two children, John Reber and David Luther. At the time of his first marriage David Bright, Sr., was given a tract of woodland by his father. This he cleared and soon had a good farm, to which he kept adding by purchase from time to time until

at his death he owned four hundred and eighty-six acres of valuable land in the homestead place on section 26, Greenfield township. This was divided between the two sons of his last marriage. He had previously given to each of his other children one hundred and sixty acres of land, and at his death in 1890 he also left a large estate in personal property.

David Luther Bright, whose name introduces this review, pursued his education in the public schools and early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. After arriving at years of maturity he married Almeda Brandt, a daughter of Jacob R. Brandt, a farmer, contractor and bridge builder, who was widely known for his engineering ability. The Brandt family was established in this part of Ohio at an early date by representatives of the name





who came from Pennsylvania. The marriage of our subject and his wife was celebrated March 21, 1883, and they have two living children, Jacob Leroy and James Brandt, who are being carefully educated. The parents are members of the English Lutheran church, and, as the middle name

of our subject indicates, his ancestors were sturdy and courageous soldiers of the Reformation. At all times Mr. Bright is known as an honorable, straightforward man, reliable in business as well as enterprising, progressive and perserving in all he undertakes.

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### GUSTAVE A. HAMBERGER.

In reviewing the life history of Gustave A. Hamberger one must yield a tribute, of respect and admiration in learning of what he has accomplished through his own unaided efforts. Without extraordinary family or pecuniary advantages to assist him, he took his place in business life as a humble employe, but his is a nature that could not content itself without advancing, and gradually, through earnest purpose, unfaltering diligence and probity, Mr. Hamberger worked his way upward until he occupied an enviable position on the plane of affluence. The success which he has achieved has made it possible for him to now enjoy a well merited rest and thus he is living in honorable retirement at his home in Lancaster.

Gustave Adolph Hamberger was born in Landau, Bavaria, Germany, December 8, 1843. Five years later his parents, Bartholomew and Gertrude (Betzler) Hamberger crossed the Atlantic to the new world, taking up their abode in Utica, New York,

where the father died in 1858, leaving the mother with seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: Fannie, who was born in 1837; Sebastian, born in 1839; Joseph, born in 1841; Gustave Adolph, born in 1843; Frank, who was born in 1846 and died in 1856; John, born in 1849; and Annie, born in 1853. When the Civil war broke out Sebastian, Joseph and Gustave A. went to the front, and although all suffered from wounds they returned home at the close of the war in 1865. The mother long survived her husband and passed away in 1884.

Gustave A. Hamberger was only five years of age when brought by his parents to the United States, and in the Christian Catholic parochial schools of Utica, New York, he began his education, which was afterward continued in St. John's Academy, where he completed his literary course. He then entered upon preparation for his business career as an employe in the Globe Woolen Mills of Utica, New York, where



he remained for four years. Subsequently he secured employment in another factory, where he remained until after the inauguration of the Civil war in 1861.

Mr. Hamberger had watched with interest the progress of events in the south and resolved that if an attempt was made to overthrow the Union he would strike a blow in its defense. Accordingly at the first call for seventy-five thousand men he joined the Second New York Heavy Artillery and took part in the first battle of Bull Run. The regiment had been enlisted for two years' service and on the expiration of that period he returned home, but as the war progressed and it seemed doubtful whether the Union troops would be victorious, he once more offered his services to the government, enlisting in 1864 as a member of Company A, Fifth Regiment, New York Heavy Artillery, participating in nineteen regular engagements. He was always found at his post of duty, whether in the thickest of the fight or on the picket line. On the 22d of June, 1865, he was honorably discharged. He declined to accept a commission after being discharged, as the war was over.

Returning to Utica, New York, Mr. Hamberger was employed as designer in the steam woolen mill at that place. In September, 1865, he went to Covington, Kentucky, to superintend the work of placing in position the machinery in a woolen mill in that city. On January 15, 1866, he came to Lancaster and put in new machinery in the Olds & Rabbits woolen mill, remaining here until June, 1869, when

he went to Circleville, Ohio, where he became superintendent of the Circleville Woolen Mills, occupying that position until October, 1869. In that year, owing to ill health, he returned to Fairfield county, and in March, 1870, purchased a half interest in the Somerset Woolen Mills of Perry county, retaining his connection therewith until 1871. During the fall of 1870 he established a new woolen mill for Gladhill & Sons at Mansfield, Ohio, where he remained until Christmas of that year, when he returned to Somerset. In the spring of 1871 he went to Hemlock, having previously dissolved partnership with Mr. Wilson at Somerset and leased the Hemlock Woolen Mill, owned by Stall, Smith & Sanders. In the fall of 1871 he opened a general store, which he operated in connection with the mill, and also bought a half interest in a sawmill owned by John Lyons. He also became a partner of Rieber, Kutz & Ulrich in buying wool, carrying on this business at Hemlock, Ohio, with headquarters in Lancaster, but Mr. Hamberger had charge of the business in Hemlock. He was appointed first postmaster of Hemlock in 1872. In the fall of 1872, on account of being so far from church and good schools, he removed to Lancaster, severing all his connections in Hemlock. In Lancaster he purchased the grocery store of George W. Brock & Company. In May, 1873, he purchased a half interest in the Lancaster Woolen Mills, becoming a member of the firm of McAnespie & Hamberger in the manufacture of woolen goods. In 1875 our subject invented a peculiar kind of blanket



which was sold to the various state institutions, being so firm in its texture that it was indestructable and could not be torn by human hands. This blanket had an extensive sale in different states. This partnership continued seven months, at the end of which time Mr. McAnespie died. Subsequently Mr. Hamberger formed a partnership with the widow, which continued for eleven years, the firm being continued under the old name. Two months after the first partnership was formed the firm sustained a heavy loss by the great flood of July, 1873, which was a severe blow, but through the efforts of Mr. Hamberger the business was continued and success crowned his efforts. Soon after he accepted the position and for two years was superintendent of the machine department of the Ohio penitentiary, serving under the administrations of Governors Hoadley and Foraker. At the close of Governor Hoadley's administration there was a re-organization of the prison system of the state, the Democrats being superseded by Republicans in the various offices connected therewith. At this time Mr. Hamberger was the only Democrat who retained his position under the Republican administration, receiving an appointment for two more years. This was indeed an honor and a compliment—and one which was well deserved,—but at the end of six months, because of business reasons, Mr. Hamberger resigned. In Governor Hoadley's report regarding the woolen industry in prisons was the following: "This granted, then we assume that its prosecution with prudence and care should follow. Under these views it

was apparent that an experienced, practical superintendent must be selected, one who had the capacity to take personal supervision of a varied industry of this character and manage it with prison labor. Our choice fell on Mr. G. A. Hamberger, of Lancaster, Ohio, and the wisdom of our selection has been proven by the skill and ability with which he has surmounted all difficulties and brought his industry to a business success." Mr. Hamberger was the only superintendent in the state that was mentioned in these reports. Under the piece-price plan this was the only industry in the entire prison that showed a financial success. Mr. Hamberger returned to Lancaster and opened a knitting mill at the Boys' Industrial School, entering into a contract with the board of directors. At times he had in his employ from seventy-five to one hundred and thirty boys. Here he continued in active business for nine years and then moved his knitting mill to Lancaster. He was one of the first to organize a company for the sinking of gas well No. 1, and was largely instrumental in securing the subscriptions to meet the expenses of this undertaking. When the well had been sunk to a depth of two thousand feet the money gave out. A meeting was held and through the efforts of Mr. Hamberger more was raised and drilling continued less than one hundred feet farther, when gas was struck. It created a great deal of excitement at the time, showing that the gas belt of this district had been found. Had it not been for the resolution Mr. Hamberger offered at a meeting by the



stockholders held in Rising Block, to go five hundred feet further, all the money would have been lost and probably no further efforts would have been made, as has been the case in other places. Mr. Hamberger has been a most active factor in promoting manufacturing and industrial interests whereby the material prosperity and progress of the city has been advanced. At the same time he has won for himself a handsome competence, so that he is now enabled to live retired.

In the year 1866 Mr. Hamberger was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Groff, of Lancaster, a daughter of Anthony Groff, an early settler and a much respected citizen of this place. She was born August 16, 1847, and by her marriage became the mother of seven children: George A., an electrician, at home; Mary Ann, who married Frank Russell, foreman of the paint department of the Columbus Buggy Company; Joseph who married Miss Fanny Brown and resides in Lancaster; Agnes, who was a twin sister of Joseph and became the wife of William Keirnan, employed in the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Machine Shops; Febia Louisa, who married Charles Zimmerman, bookkeeper for Reagon & Connell, of Columbus; Leona, at home; and Remple, who died in 1896.

In his political affiliations Mr. Hamberger is a staunch Democrat and a very ardent admirer of William Jennings Bryan. He has been most active in promoting campaign work, in organizing committees, in securing funds to meet the necessary expenses, and when he found that the cam-

paign funds were short he advanced his individual check for one hundred dollars to secure William Jennings Bryan to come to Lancaster. He was active in arranging for and naming the places at which Mr. Bryan was to speak during the presidential campaign of 1896, and labored most earnestly and effectively for the cause in which he believed. For two years he served as a member of the city council and his efforts were practical and beneficial in behalf of the welfare and improvement of Lancaster. During the discussion in congress of the tariff in 1890, before the ways and means committee, Mr. Hamberger appeared and ably advocated the low tariff on foreign wool, claiming that it would be beneficial to all concerned. In the congressional report it is stated that Mr. Hamberger appeared before the committee in response to the request of Congressman James H. Outhwait, district No. 12, of Ohio, and the statement which he made before the committee appears in full in the report, being the only one out of hundreds that found a place in the congressional record. His remarks were so very comprehensive and so convincing that the late President McKinley, who was chairman of the committee, ordered the speech published. After its publication Mr. Hamberger received a letter from F. M. Dyer, of Madison, Wisconsin, from which we quote as follows: "I have read with profit your views delivered before the ways and means committee of the fifty-first congress, touching the duties on wool. I write you this for information, as one word from a practical business man carries





more weight with me than volumes of sounds from political business men. 1st. From your experience in Ohio as a manufacturer do you say that American wool is displaced by imported wool? 2d. Do the farmers derive any benefit from wool duties? Would removal of duty on wool increase woolen and worsted manufactures? 3d. Would removal of duty on wool increase demand for American wool? 4th. What is the effect of the McKinley law since its inception on wool growing; (2d), manufacturers; and (3d), price of goods to consumers?

"I am aware that I am drawing on you without warrant of acquaintance even. My apology is that the prominent part that is given me in this campaign in Wisconsin necessitates the use of facts of weight which I think you possess.

"Respectfully,

"F. M. DYER,

"Madison, Wis."

Mr. Hamberger replied on thirty-six sheets of foolscap paper, closely written, and this reply was printed and distributed all over the state. That year the state went Democratic, the first time in a long period, giving its support to Grover Cleveland, and

for several years under the administrations of both Republicans and Democrats Mr. Hamberger served as deputy United States marshal of the southern district of Ohio, comprising forty-four counties, but finally resigned on account of the many disagreeable features connected with the office.

Socially he is identified with Butterfield Post, No. 77, G. A. R., and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He served fourteen years as one of the soldiers' relief commissioners, whose duty it is to look after the wants of the old soldiers and orphans and widows of soldiers in Fairfield county. In everything pertaining to the upbuilding of Lancaster he takes an active part and is a liberal contributor to the enterprises which insure its progress. He is a self-made man in the fullest sense of that oft-times misused term, his prosperity in life being due to his industry and integrity. Fortune has certainly dealt kindly with Gustave A. Hamberger, for all blessings that fall to man on earth seem to be his. His life is a living illustration of what ability, energy and force of character can accomplish. It is to such men that the west owes its prosperity, its rapid progress and its advancement.

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### THOMAS S. PRATT.

History is no longer a record of wars and conquests, of military invasion or sanguine victories, but is the account of progress made along lines of industrial and

commercial activity. It chronicles advancement in business, science and art, and each community owes its upbuilding not to one person alone but to the combined efforts of



many citizens, especially to those who are connected with commercial interests. Of the last class Mr. Pratt is a representative, dealing in confectionery and fruit and conducting a good restaurant in Lancaster. He represents one of the old families of Fairfield county and his birth occurred in this city July 12, 1847. His father, George W. Pratt, was born at Culpeper Court House, Virginia, in 1820, and at the place of his nativity grew to manhood, receiving but meagre educational privileges. In 1844 he came to Fairfield county, making the journey on foot. He had previously learned the tanner's trade with his brother, James M. Pratt, and after taking up his abode in this county he engaged in the tanning business as a partner of his brother. For a number of years they successfully manufactured leather, conducting their enterprise until 1884, when the father retired from business and soon afterward was called to his final rest. His wife bore the maiden name of Angeline Caldwell, and was born, reared and educated in Rushville, Fairfield county. Her parents, David and Mary (Botts) Caldwell, were early settlers of the county, removing from Maryland and Pennsylvania respectively and becoming residents of the Buckeye state at an early day. Mrs. Caldwell is still living, occupying the old homestead in Lancaster. Her husband was for many years a member of the city council and was a Master Mason. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Benjamin Pratt, a native of Virginia. David Pratt and his wife became the parents of the following children: Thomas S.,

of this review; Anna, a widow; Caroline, the wife of Dr. Reed, of Battle Creek, Michigan; Elizabeth, who married Amos Flood, of Lancaster; Emma, who is the wife of D. Pickett and resides at Columbus, Ohio; and Charles F., a resident of Union City, Indiana.

In taking up the personal history of Thomas S. Pratt we present to our readers the life record of one widely and favorably known in Fairfield county. In retrospect one can see him as a schoolboy mastering the branches of learning taught in the schools of Lancaster. Having completed his literary education he learned the trade of a tanner with his father and continued to follow that business for ten years. On the completion of the decade he went into the coal regions and for ten years was employed in a store owned by a coal company. His next place of residence was New Straitsville, and later he returned to Lancaster, where he established his restaurant, confectionery and fruit store, beginning his business in 1893 in the Martin block. Here he has since conducted his establishment, finding that reliable business methods, reasonable prices and an earnest desire to please are potent elements for success. These qualities have enabled him to enjoy a constantly increasing patronage and he now has a large trade.

On the 16th of January, 1878, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Pratt and Miss Ella C. Friend, of Hocking county, Ohio, a daughter of Sampson and Elvira Friend. They have one son, Henry G., who is employed as a telegraph operator at Bechtol,



Ohio. Our subject and his wife hold membership relations in the Methodist Episcopal church, and he belongs to New Straitsville Lodge, No. 484, F. & A. M., and the Knights of Pythias lodge of the same place. He is also a representative of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks and in politics is a Republican, but while he keeps

well informed on the issues and questions of the day he has never sought or desired office, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his business affairs, his career proving that close application and a laudable ambition will do much toward winning a position of the topmost rounds of the ladder of success.

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### THE BAUMGARDNER FAMILY.

In the land of the Alps in the early part of the nineteenth century lived two young people, Jacob Baumgardner and Maria Emhoff, who were destined to figure prominently in the pioneer history of Fairfield county as early settlers of this part of the state and as founders of a family that has figured largely in promoting the material progress and the educational and moral advancement of this portion of Ohio. Upon one of the westwardbound sailing vessels which left Europe in 1817 these young people were numbered among the passengers. They crossed the Atlantic in company with Johann Emhoff and his family, consisting of his wife, Fanny, his son John and the other daughters Barbara and Fanny. They had previously lived in Arisdorf, in the canton of Basil, Switzerland, but the father believed that he might better his condition in the new world and provide better opportunities for his children. Therefore he came to America. The youngest daughter

was then the affianced bride of Jacob Baumgardner, who accompanied the family on the emigration. The conditions of a sea voyage at that time were very different from those of the present day. In the slow sailing vessels it required weeks and sometimes months to cross the Atlantic and the vessel upon which the party started encountered some very severe weather. Great grief also came to them in the loss of the husband and father, who died while at sea and was buried beneath the waves of the Atlantic. At length, however, the other members of the party arrived safely at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There the family separated, the son, John Emhoff, going to New Orleans, where he located, making his home there until his death. The daughter Barbara went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she became the wife of John Sayler and spent her remaining days. The other daughter, Fanny, became a resident of Baltimore, Maryland, where she was married to a Mr. Bussart, by



whom she had a daughter, Nancy, who became the wife of Noah Ream. Mrs. Bussart remained a resident of Baltimore, Maryland, until called to her final rest. The youngest daughter of the family, Maria Emhoff, and her affianced husband, Jacob Baumgardner, came to Fairfield county, Ohio, settling in the vicinity of Basil, and here on the 1st of December, 1817, they were united in marriage by Justice Adam Weaver.

The domestic life of the young couple was begun on a farm about two and one-half miles south of Baltimore, Ohio. They were worthy and honored pioneer people of the neighborhood, taking an active and helpful part in the work of improvement and progress as Fairfield county emerged from primitive conditions to take its place among the leading counties of this great commonwealth. In the midst of the forest Mr. Baumgardner developed a farm, cutting away the trees and preparing the land for cultivation and then engaging in the tilling of the soil. He used the crude farm implements which were known in that day and which made farm labor a more difficult and arduous task than at the present, but with characteristic energy and perseverance he continued his work until his land became very productive and brought to him a gratifying income as the result of his labor. It was upon this farm that he and his wife reared their family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, namely: Elizabeth, Mary, John, Lydia, Solomon, Sary, Henry and Jacob. All reached years of maturity, were married and had families of their own. They took an active part in

transforming the country into fine farms and thus made the name of "Fairfield" one well merited in this section of the state.

Jacob Baumgardner, the husband and father, died on the 15th of October, 1829, in the thirty-eighth year of his age. The widowed mother then continued to live with the children upon the old home place until April, 1831, when she was again married, becoming the wife of Benjamin Caley, at which time she went to the home of Mr. Caley, about four miles south of the city of Lancaster, in Berne township. She was accompanied by all of the children by the first marriage with the exception of Elizabeth, the eldest daughter, who went to live with a family of the name of Heistand, and John, the eldest son, who resided with a family by the name of Schaefer. By the second marriage there were born two children: Rosan and George Washington Caley. The different members of the family continued to live upon the Caley farm until they married and went to homes of their own. Again the husband and father was removed by death from the household and the mother left a widow. For some time she continued to live upon the farm with her son, Solomon Baumgardner, who succeeded her in the ownership of the property, and afterward she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Rosan (Caley) Wilson, until she was called to her final rest on the 15th of December, 1875, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-one years. Thus passed away one of the esteemed pioneer women of Fairfield county. Much has been written about the pioneer men who have pushed their way for-





ward into the wilderness of the west and there developed farms or planted industries which have promoted the material prosperity and upbuilding of the localities with which they became connected; less has been said about the pioneer women, but their part is no less important because their work is of a more quiet nature. They have performed the duties of the household and have reared the children who have become the valued citizens of the later generation. Mrs. Caley certainly deserved great credit for what she accomplished. Carling for the little home upon the frontier, she was devoted to her family and as the result of her careful guidance and earnest efforts in behalf of her children they became men and women of strong character, of sterling purpose and of upright lives.

Solomon Baumgardner was only about seven years of age when he took up his abode upon the farm which is yet his home. Here he has lived continuously since April, 1831. He was educated in the schools of the locality and in his youth bore his part in the work of developing and improving the old homestead, early becoming familiar with the labors of field and meadow. After arriving at years of maturity he sought a companion and helpmeet for life's journey and was joined in wedlock to Rebecca Swarner, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Bixler) Swarner, the marriage ceremony being performed on the 24th of February, 1852, by the Rev. John Wagenhals. Ten sons and one daughter were born of this union, namely: John Swarner, Franklin Pierce, William Henry, Solomon, Jr., George Washington, Jacob Adam, Mary Rebecca,

Albert, Frederick Horn, Edward and Findley May. All of the children, together with the parents, are yet living, so that the family circle remains unbroken by the hand of death. On the 24th of February, 1902, Solomon Baumgardner and his estimable wife celebrated their fiftieth, or golden, wedding anniversary and had the distinction and pleasure of seeing all of their children and grandchildren present at the home place on that joyous occasion. It is a fact worthy of note that so large a family found it possible to all meet together again. The Baumgardners come of a hardy, long-lived stock, four generations of them now living, and they are characterized by a sturdy integrity, Christian principles and by temperance, industry and thrift. They occupy leading positions in their chosen walks of life and are of the noblest type of citizenship in this country. Of the descendants of Jacob and Maria (Emhoff) Baumgardner there are living five children, forty-eight grandchildren, seventy-seven great-grandchildren and thirty-five great-great-grandchildren, while five children, twenty grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren are deceased, making a total of two hundred and eight descendants. The family name is inseparably interwoven with the history of Fairfield county through eighty-five years and the record is one of which any family might be proud, for fearless in conduct, honorable in business and stainless in character the representatives of the name have always been active in promoting the welfare of this section of Ohio along lines of material, intellectual and moral progress.



## JAMES T. PICKERING.

James T. Pickering is well known as an attorney at law, practicing at the bar of Lancaster, and also is the postmaster of that city. In a profession where distinction is won through individual merit he has gained an enviable standing and in public office his loyalty to duty has won for him high encomiums from his fellow townsmen. He has a wide acquaintance throughout Fairfield county, for he is one of her native sons and has spent his entire life here, his birth having occurred on the 7th of June, 1858. Far back for many generations the ancestral history can be traced. The family is of English lineage and was founded in America by William Pickering in early colonial days. The great-grandparents of our subject were Abraham and Ann Pickering, who resided in Rockingham, Virginia, whence they emigrated westward in 1806, taking up their abode in Fairfield county, Ohio. They brought with them their little son, James Pickering, who was then but six years of age. His birth had occurred in Rockingham county in 1800 and amid the wild scenes of frontier life in the Buckeye state he was reared to manhood. When he had attained the adult age he married Catherine Williams and took up his abode in Violet township, Fairfield county, where he carried on general farming and stock-raising. With the passing years his financial resources increased, his labors in fields and meadows bringing to him good returns. By his marriage he had four sons and a daughter, namely: Jacob, Lafayette, Joseph, James and Elizabeth.

Of this number Jacob Pickering was the

father of our subject and his birth occurred in Violet township, Fairfield county, in 1827. The work of the farm early became familiar to him and the public schools of the neighborhood afforded him his educational privileges. He married Samantha Ford, who was born in the same township, May 1, 1826, a daughter of Philip and Nancy (Callahan) Ford. The great-grandfather on the mother's side was the Rev. George Callahan, one of the pioneer preachers, who rode the circuit in the early days, preaching in school houses, in dwellings and in forests, wherever the people would congregate to hear the gospel tidings. The other great-grandfather on the maternal side was John Ford, who removed from the valley of Fredericksburg, Virginia, to Fairfield county, Ohio, and settled in Violet township in 1806. By the marriage of Mr. Pickering and Samantha Ford four children were born, of whom three are yet living, namely: Jennie E., the wife of Charles E. Aly, of Lancaster; James T., of this review; and Ella S., who is a teacher in the high schools of Lancaster. In his early political views the father was a Democrat, being identified with that party until the organization of the Republican party, when he joined its ranks, continuing to give it his support until his death, which occurred on the 3d of June, 1886. His wife still survives him and is now living in Lancaster.

James T. Pickering, whose name introduces this review, was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads of that period, working in the fields and meadows and receiving



his mental discipline in district schools, which he attended between the ages of six and sixteen years. He then accompanied his parents in their removal to Delaware, Ohio, and became a student in the high school of that city, and when his further educational training had prepared him for a collegiate course he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, in which institution he was graduated with the class of 1883. After his graduation he engaged in teaching school for three years and in the meantime took up the study of law, which he diligently pursued for two years, being admitted to the bar before the supreme court of Columbus in 1888. In 1890 he formed a partnership with his brother, C. C. Pickering, under the firm name of Pickering & Pickering, and began a general practice of law, which he has continued up to the present time. His reputation as a lawyer has been won through earnest, honest labor, and his standing at the bar is a merited tribute to his ability. He now has a very large practice, and his careful preparation of cases is supplemented by a power of argument and forceful presentation of his points in the court room, so that he seldom fails to gain the verdict desired.

u In 1895 Mr. Pickering was married to Miss Jessie D. Chaney, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a daughter of William and Eleanor (Harsha) Chaney. This union has been blessed with two children: Eleanor C. and Dorothy. The parents are acceptable members of the Methodist Episcopal church, taking an active interest in all that tends to advance the work and extend the influence of the church. Fraternally Mr. Pickering is connected with Lancaster Lodge, No. 57, F. & A. M., and has also taken the degrees of the chapter. In his political views he has ever been a stalwart Republican, and having made a close study of the questions and issues of the day he has ability to support his position by intelligent arguments. In July, 1898, he was appointed by President McKinley to the position of postmaster of Lancaster and is still serving, his administration of the affairs of the office being such as to win him high commendation. He has a public-spirited interest in all that pertains to general progress and improvement, and his entire freedom from self-laudation or ostentation has made him one of the most popular residents of Fairfield county, with whose history he has now been long and prominently identified.





SAMUEL REAM





# HISTORY OF PERRY COUNTY.

## BIOGRAPHICAL.

### SAMUEL REAM.

Samuel Ream is well known throughout Perry county as a farmer, stock dealer and banker and his business interests have been of marked benefit to the community. his activity not only contributing to his individual success but also proving an active factor in the development of the city. Throughout his entire career he has been known for his sterling rectitude of character and his unquestioned integrity. He was born in 1829, in Clayton township, and is a son of William and Eliza (McClure) Ream. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Ream, became one of the pioneer settlers of Perry county, arriving here in 1801 in company with two brothers who removed from Reamstown, Pennsylvania. He married Rachel King, a sister of the late Judge Thomas King, the first representative of Perry county in the Ohio state legislature. Among their children were William Ream, the father of our subject; Andrew; David; and S. K. Ream. The last named married Maria Ritchey, a daughter of the Hon. Thomas Ritchey, a

member of congress. William Ream, the father of our subject, was united in marriage to Eliza McClure, a daughter of James McClure, of Delaware county, Ohio, and a sister of Dr. William McClure, who died in Somerset in 1832. David Ream served as county commissioner at one time, being elected on the Republican ticket, although the county was strongly Democratic. The children of the parents of our subject were: David, who is a resident farmer of Reading township; William M., a resident of Topeka, Kansas; John E., who is also living in Reading township; and Samuel.

Samuel Ream, whose name introduces this review, was reared upon the old family homestead in Perry county, and during his entire life he has been connected with agricultural pursuits. He has also been engaged in stock-raising and he owns several farms in Perry county, all of which are well stocked with cattle and sheep. He has been a general breeder, being especially active along that line while living upon his farm in



Reading township. In 1874 he removed to Somerset and erected the finest residence in the town. He then turned his attention to the milling business, which he followed in connection with Noah Karr for about four years. Other business interests which he has in Somerset closely connect him with commercial and banking interests. Since 1891 he has been the president of the Somerset Bank, and under the guidance of Mr. Ream and his son, who is acting as cashier, this bank has become one of the leading banking institutions in the county.

In 1859 Mr. Ream was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Brown, a daughter of the late Judge William M. Brown, of Perry county. On the maternal side she is a granddaughter of Thomas McNaughton, of Fairfield county, Ohio, who filled the offices of justice of the peace and county commissioner. William Brown, the paternal grandfather, married Sarah McNaughton. They emigrated from Ireland to the new world. The children of this marriage were William; David; Robert, who is well remembered in Perry county; Sallie; Elizabeth; and Margaret. Sallie is the wife of Abram Yost and Elizabeth is the wife of John Yost, both residing in Perry county. William Brown, the father of Judge William Brown, was married in Pennsylvania to Sarah M. Leer, whose father was one of the heroes who fought at Bunker Hill. In 1835 the Brown family removed from Pennsylvania to Thorn township, Perry county. Judge Brown filled the office of probate judge of Perry county from 1849 until 1853. He was one of the prominent and influential

citizens of the community and his death occurred near Somerset. His brother Robert was a teacher for many years and also served as county auditor.

In 1881 Mr. Ream was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died in that year, leaving two children, Owen B. and Luke S., who died in 1887. Mrs. Ream was universally esteemed, for she was a lady possessing many excellent traits of character. The elder son, Owen B., is now cashier of the Somerset Bank. He was born, reared and educated in Perry county, and married Miss Anna Law, of this county, a daughter of Samuel Law and a granddaughter of Colonel John Law, of Reading township. They now have one child, Stella. O. B. Ream established a drug business in Somerset in 1882 and is still connected with that enterprise. He is a very prominent Mason, having become a member of the lodge, chapter and commandery, while in the Scottish Rite he has attained the thirty-second degree and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. In 1887 Mr. Ream, the subject of this review, was again married, his second union being with Miss Flora Mohler, a daughter of O. T. and Jane (Huston) Mohler, of Somerset. Samuel Ream is one of the old residents of the county and well may be classed among the honored pioneers. By perseverance, determination and honorable effort he has overcome the obstacles which barred his path to success and reached the goal of prosperity. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, so that to-day he is numbered among the sub-



stantial citizens of the community. He is a man of genuine worth and throughout a long and useful career has enjoyed in a high measure the respect of his fellow townsmen. Such men as Mr. Ream may well be termed representative citizens.

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## GEORGE T. DRAKE.

George T. Drake, who is now acceptably and capably serving as postmaster of Corning, has for a number of years been in the public service and has ever been found reliable, prompt and faithful. He is a native of Morgan county, Ohio, his birth having occurred in Pennsville. He is a representative of one of the pioneer families of the state. His paternal grandfather, James Watts Drake, was a native of Virginia and in the year 1812 emigrated westward, taking up his residence in Belmont county, Ohio, whence he removed to Morgan county in 1832. His remaining days were spent in this state, and in 1895, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, he was called to his final rest.

Francis W. Drake, the father of our subject, was born January 20, 1833, upon the old family homestead in Morgan county and was a resident of his native county until 1881, when he came to Corning, where he still resides. He was a contractor and builder, but abandoned that pursuit to enter upon the duties of postmaster, to which position he was appointed by President Harrison. He is now engaged in the grocery

business and is one of the enterprising and successful merchants of this place. He has led an active and useful life, and has not only successfully conducted his business affairs but has been a prominent factor in public life in his locality. For many years he has served on the city council and put forth strong effort to advance the welfare and substantial upbuilding of his town. He married Adeline Holt, a daughter of Joab and Elizabeth Holt, who removed from Harper's Ferry, Virginia, to Morgan county, Ohio, in 1850. Mrs. Drake died May 9, 1884. She was a native of Harpers Ferry.

George T. Drake began his education in the public schools and is a graduate of the high school of Corning of the class of 1890. In April of that year, one month prior to his graduation, he took the civil service examination for railway mail clerk and of the many who took the examination at the same time he stood highest. During the following August he entered upon his duties as substitute clerk on the route from Corning to Columbus. He also substituted on various other runs and was in the Columbus postoffice for a time until he was per-



manently appointed on the limited mail run between Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and St. Louis, Missouri. In April, 1893, he resigned from the service and until 1897 was engaged in teaching school in the Corning special district. While teaching he took a prominent part in educational matters, being at that time a member of the county executive committee, and has ever since been interested in educational affairs.

Since 1894 Mr. Drake has been a prominent factor in his county's politics and from 1896 has been on the stump in various campaigns. As a debater and speech maker he has an enviable record. From 1895 until 1897 he served as clerk of Monroe township.

In the latter year he was appointed postmaster of Corning by President McKinley and was re-appointed by President Roosevelt, so that he is now serving his second term and the affairs of the office are ably conducted under his capable management. In the fall of 1897 he established a newspaper, the Breeze, in partnership with La-Bert Davie, but sold his interest to Mr. Davie in 1901. He has long been a prominent Republican of Perry county, doing all in his power to secure political successes along that line. He has served on the county executive committee and is now serving as a member of the congressional committee of the eleventh Ohio district.

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## HON. THOMAS D. BINCKLEY.

Hon. Thomas D. Binckley is actively connected with the profession which has immediate bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community and one which has long been considered as serving the public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. His reputation as a lawyer has been won through earnest, honest effort and his standing at the bar is a merited tribute to his ability. He is yet a young man, but has gained a reputation which many an older practitioner might well envy. He is also prominent in political af-

airs and at the present time is serving as a representative in the state legislature.

As early as the second decade in the nineteenth century the name of Binckley figured in connection with official service in this county. Adam Binckley, the great-grandfather of our subject, settled in this county about 1797 and when the country became involved in the second war with England he joined the army, in which he served in the rank of major. He became a leading and influential resident in this portion of the state and filled the office of county commissioner in 1819 and 1820, be-







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ing one of the first to hold that office. Farther back than this, however, can the ancestry of our subject be traced, for Adam Binckley was a son of Christian Binckley, one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war who entered the army either from Pennsylvania or Maryland. David Binckley, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Reading township, Perry county, and amid the wild scenes of frontier life was reared. He assisted in the work of improvement and progress here and aided in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present development.

James K. Binckley, the father of our subject, was born on a farm in Reading township, on which the birth of his son Thomas occurred. When the country became involved in Civil war he manifested the characteristic loyalty of the family by joining Company K, of the One Hundred Twenty-sixth Ohio Infantry, although he was quite young. He died in 1871, when only twenty-four years of age. His wife bore the maiden name of Sedora J. Whitter and was a daughter of Thomas Whitter, who came to Perry county, Ohio, from Maryland at a very early day and died here at an advanced age. The Binckley family has been identified with the Lutheran church in religious faith and in politics its members have been Whigs, Democrats and Republicans.

Hon. T. D. Binckley of this review was born on the old family homestead in Reading township, Perry county, April 5, 1869, and in public schools of that locality he pursued his education. He afterward engaged in teaching school for five years in

Perry county, and then took up the study of law with the determination of making its practice his life work. He was admitted to the bar in 1896 at Ada, Ohio, after attending the Ohio Normal University, where he had pursued the law course. Immediately afterward he established an office in New Lexington, where he has since remained and as the years have passed he has gained a large clientage. Since 1897 he has served as city solicitor of New Lexington, three times re-elected to that position and on the 15th of March, 1898, he entered the Ohio National Guard as the captain of Company A, Seventeenth Regiment, which became the Seventh Ohio Regiment at the time of the Spanish-American war. Mr. Binckley commanded the company throughout its service. It was called out on the 26th of April, 1898, was mustered into the United States service on the 13th of May and was stationed at the camps at Columbus, at Camp Alger, Virginia, at Falls Church, Virginia, and at Camp Meade, Pennsylvania, did provost guard duty at Falls Church, Virginia. The Captain was detailed as recruiting officer for the Second Battalion on the 8th of June, 1898, and recruited one hundred and twenty-five men at Dennison, New Lexington, Ulrichville and Newark, Ohio. On the 6th of November, 1898, with his command he was mustered out.

Mr. Binckley was married in 1898 to Miss Nell M. Jackson, a granddaughter of William Jackson, of Somerset, Ohio, who located there at a very early day, coming to this state from Maryland. Two children have been born unto the Captain and his



wife: Dorothy Cecelia and James Roosevelt.

In his political affiliations Captain Binckley has always been a Republican and is recognized as a leading member and worker in his party in this portion of Ohio. He received the nomination of his party for state representative in 1901 and in November of that year was elected to the office by an unusually large majority. He is now serving and his course is one that has gained commendation from many of the residents of

this portion of the state. He gives to each question which comes up for settlement his earnest consideration and is unfaltering in his support of what he believes to be right. In the practice of law he has gained a clientele of an extensive and important character. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care and his legal learning, his analytical mind and the readiness with which he grasps the point in an argument all combine to make him one of the capable lawyers of the Perry county bar.

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### REV. SAMUEL C. TUSSING.

For half a century the Rev. Samuel Clevenger Tussing has been a potent factor in the moral development of this portion of the state. His influence has been of no restricted order. He came to the county in 1850, locating first in Monday Creek township, and six years later he entered the ministry of the Baptist church. Although in recent years he has accepted no regular pastorate he has continued his active interests in church work and his efforts have proved most beneficial in augmenting the moral development of this community.

Mr. Tussing is a native of Franklin county, Ohio, his birth having occurred in Patterson township, April 28, 1828. He is a son of Nicholas and Margaret Tussing and the former was born in Pennsylvania in 1779. At the age of four years he went

to Rockingham county, Virginia, with his parents, the year of their removal being 1783. There he was reared and about 1812 he went to Franklin county, Ohio. He had previously entered a quarter section of land there in 1809 and clearing and improving this he transformed it into a good farm, upon which he reared his family. He was married in Franklin county, but his wife died six months later and for his second wife he chose Miss Margaret Switzer, a native of Switzerland. Nicholas Tussing died at the age of seventy-two years, while the mother of our subject passed away at the age of sixty-four years. They were both consistent Christian people, holding membership in the Baptist church. In their family were seven children: John, who died in Lima, Ohio; Jacob, who died near



Winchester, Ohio; George N., who is a Baptist minister and lives at Bullitt Park, Columbus, Ohio; Christine, who is the wife of George N. Harris, a resident of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Samuel, of this review; Adam, who died in Fairfield county, Ohio; and Philip C., who made his home in Winchester, this state, but died in Florida.

Rev. Samuel C. Tussing, whose name introduces this review, pursued his education in the public schools of his native county and through reading and study outside of the schoolroom. In April, 1850, he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Juliet Marlow, of Monday Creek township, Perry county, a daughter of Hanson and Margaret (Holmes) Marlow. Her parents removed to Monday Creek township in 1838, when Mrs. Tussing was six years of age, coming to this state from Warren county, Virginia, although they lived for a time in West Virginia. Mr. Marlow became a leading and influential citizen here, and his worth and ability being recognized by his fellow townsmen, he was called to public office. He served for six years, covering two terms, as county commissioner and for some time was township trustee. He died in 1881 at the age of seventy-eight years, his birth having occurred on the 4th of July, 1803. Mrs. Marlow died in 1870 at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. Marlow was a man of great business capacity, was frugal and industrious, honorable and reliable and was a man of strong Christian character. He became one of the five charter members of the Ebenezer Baptist church. His wife, who preceded him to the home prepared for

the righteous, also possessed a strong religious nature and was a most able and faithful assistant to her husband. Her home was celebrated for its gracious and sincere hospitality. She found great delight in attending church service and Sunday after Sunday she heard with the greatest pleasure the preaching of her son, the Rev. William W. Marlow, and her son-in-law, the Rev. Samuel C. Tussing. She was an affectionate wife and mother and the influence of her life is yet felt by all who knew her.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Tussing have been born two children: Lawson Aquilla, born in Monday Creek township, Perry county, is now an attorney at law in New Lexington and a very prominent and influential citizen. He was educated here, also in Denison University and in Greenville, Ohio, and in 1877 at Zanesville, this state, was admitted to the bar, since which time he has been an active practitioner in Perry county, having attained a large and important clientele, which connects him with much of the litigation tried in the courts of his district. He is a Democrat in his politics and takes a very active interest in public affairs, having served as mayor of New Lexington from 1878 until 1882. In early manhood he engaged in teaching school for four years, being superintendent of the Shawnee schools for three years. He married Miss Augusta Achaner, a daughter of J. J. Achaner, of New Straitsville, who came from Muskingum county, Ohio, to Perry county. They have two children—Florence Lucile and Gladys Meredith. Hanson Marlow, the younger son, has also been mayor of





New Lexington, his incumbency in the office continuing from 1888 until 1892. He studied law, but abandoned the profession for a general business life. He was deputy clerk of the county for six years under his uncle, John H. Marlow, and was deputy sheriff under Mr. Crosby, for three years. He was also employed for five years in indexing the county records and books and for four years he served as postmaster of New Lexington under President Cleveland. He has been most faithful, prompt and reliable in the discharge of his official duties and is regarded as a valued and loyal citizen of his community. Very prominent in Masonic circles he has served as district lecturer and is now worthy master of New Lexington Lodge, No. 250, F. & A. M. He married Miss Finch, a daughter of Rev. J. T. Finch, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have three children: Wiley Edwin, J. Bryant and Dale Marlow. Mrs. Tussing died in 1888 and for his second wife Hanson M. Tussing chose Miss Eva Stewart, of McConnellsville, Morgan county, Ohio. They have two children—Clara and Wayland.

It was in the year of his marriage that Rev. Samuel C. Tussing came to this county. Six years later he determined to devote his

life to the work of the Baptist church as a minister of the gospel and he has done much evangelical work in Ohio. He has always made his home in Perry county with the exception of fourteen months spent in Greene county. In September, 1875, he located in New Lexington, where he has since resided. He was pastor of the church here for four years and was supply for seven years. He has baptized over four hundred converts and has preached five thousand four hundred and seventy-two sermons outside of addresses and talks. He has kept an account of all of these, having a record of when and where he preached. He has been very closely identified with Sunday-school work and has put forth every effort in his power to promote the cause of Christianity. He has also been an active factor in temperance work and has endorsed the Prohibition party since 1872. His life has been most honorable and upright. He has never lived unto himself alone and has labored earnestly and effectively for the benefit of his fellow men, knowing that character is all that there is of value in this world. His influence has been widely felt and not only in his own denomination but among all Christian people Rev. Tussing is held in the highest esteem.

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### WILLIAM T. STEVENS.

William T. Stevens, who is an honored veteran of the Civil war and is the present postmaster of Thornville, was born in the village in which he still makes his home, on

the 14th of July, 1844, his parents being John B. and Lucy (Scarbaugh) Stevens. The father was a native of Virginia and in 1833, when seventeen years of age, came



to Ohio, locating near Thornville, Perry county. He was accompanied by his parents, Thomas and Nancy Stevens, who were also natives of Virginia. A carpenter by trade he followed that occupation throughout the years of his active business career and many evidences of his handiwork are still seen in substantial structures in this county. He died at his home in Thornville at the advanced age of eighty-two years, in 1898. He held membership in the Methodist church and for many years served as one of its trustees, taking an active part in everything tending to advance the growth of the church and extend its influence. He was an Odd Fellow for over fifty years and for many years was chaplain of the lodge. His widow is still living, making her home in Thornville. She is a most estimable lady, highly esteemed throughout the community. Her mother was the first white child born in Newark county. By her marriage Mrs. Stevens became the mother of four children, all of whom are yet living, namely: William T., of this review; Oliver J., who is engaged in the undertaking business in Thornville, Ohio; Noble L., a practicing dentist of Thornville; and Attie V., the wife of John Conklin, who is engaged in the poultry business in Thornville.

Mr. Stevens, who is well known and highly esteemed throughout this community, remained at home until eighteen years of age, but the country was then engaged in Civil war and he could no longer content himself to remain in Ohio while many brave sons of the north were battling for the Union. Accordingly he enlisted in 1862,

becoming a member of Company K, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years. He was then mustered out at Elmira, New York, having participated in the battle of Martinsburg, Virginia.

After receiving his discharge Mr. Stevens returned to Ohio and has resided continuously in Thornville, with the exception of a period of four years. He is a carpenter by trade and for many years he followed that occupation, being actively identified with building interests of this place. An expert workman he has always been kept busy in the line of his chosen pursuit and has thus been enabled to provide comfortably for his family. In February, 1899, he was appointed postmaster of the village to serve for a term of four years and is now the incumbent in that office, his administration being practical and progressive and giving good satisfaction to his fellow townsmen.

In 1871 Mr. Stevens was united in marriage to Miss Sidney Trovinger, a daughter of Benjamin Trovinger, one of the early settlers of Perry county, living in Thorn township. He became a prosperous and enterprising agriculturist there and was a leading and influential citizen at an early date, but he died forty years ago. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stevens has been born one son, George B., who is a resident farmer of Thorn township. He married Miss Lizzie Zollinger and they have two children, John William and Alice M.

Mr. Stevens enjoys in a high degree the confidence and respect of his fellow



townsmen and recognizing his worth and ability they have several times called him to positions of public trust. He has served as infirmary director for one term and has also been a member of the council of Thornville. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Reuben Lampton Post, G. A. R., of this place, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Meth-

odist Episcopal church. Having spent almost his entire life here he is widely known and that many of his warmest friends are numbered among those who have known him from boyhood is an indication that his has been an honorable and upright career. In manner he is pleasant and cordial and the qualities of his nature are such as to have made him a popular and representative citizen of his community.

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### HON. WILLIAM E. FINCK, Sr.

An enumeration of the men who have won honor for themselves and at the same time have honored the state to which they belonged would be incomplete were there a failure to make prominent reference to the Hon. William E. Finck, now deceased. His career at the bar was one most commendable. He was vigilant in his devotion to the interests of his clients, yet he never forgot that he owed a higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. His life was permeated by unflinching devotion to manly principles. No man was ever more respected or more fully enjoyed the confidence of the people or more richly deserved the esteem in which he was held. He was one of the great lawyers of the Ohio bar who lives in the memory of his contemporaries encircled with a halo of the gracious presence, charming personality, profound legal wisdom, purity of public and private life and the quiet dignity of an ideal follower of his chosen calling.

William E. Finck was born in Somerset, Perry county, Ohio, September 1, 1822, a son of Anthony and Mary (Spurck) Finck. His father came to this county at a very early day from Pennsylvania and cast his lot with the early pioneer settlers, entering from the government a tract of land upon which the city of Somerset now stands. The ancestry of the Finck family can be traced back to an aide-de-camp of General Washington. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Finck were born seven children: William E., of this review; Austin A., who was mayor of Somerset and filled all of the township offices of Reading township but is now deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Hon. Henry C. Filler, now of Columbus, Ohio, but her death occurred in 1901 at the age of seventy-eight years; Martha, the wife of James McCristal, a prominent merchant of Somerset; Bernard L., who was at one time a leading business man of Somerset, but is



now deceased; Harry, who was a business man of Peoria, Illinois, but has also passed away; and Gertrude, the wife of John H. Blakeney, assistant postmaster of Binghamton, New York.

William E. Finck pursued a common school education, being largely a self-educated as well as a self-made man, but he was endowed by nature with strong mentality and he developed his latent talents. He read extensively and broadly and had the ability to make what he read his own. He became a law student in the office and under the direction of Josiah Lovell, a prominent pioneer attorney of this state. He began practice in Somerset when about twenty-two years of age and soon afterward moved to Lancaster, Ohio, and entered into partnership with Hocking H. Hunter, the most noted lawyer of his day in Ohio. The firm enjoyed splendid success and after a few years Mr. Finck resigned the practice to Mr. Hunter and returned to Somerset, his native home, for which he had a great attachment. He was known as a most conscientious man, ever loyal in his devotion to those who reposed trust in him. He was soon the acknowledged leader of the Perry county bar, Somerset being then the county seat. The zeal with which he devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his clients, and an assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all the details of his cases brought him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct. His arguments always elicited warm commendation, not only from his associates at the bar but also from the bench. He was a very able

writer; his briefs always showed wide research, careful thought and the best and strongest reasons which could be urged for his contention, presented in cogent and logical form and illustrated by a style unusually lucid and clear.

It would have been impossible for a man of Mr. Finck's nature and ability to refrain from activity in public life. His fellow citizens demanded his services and he was elected state senator, filling the position for two years. He also served for a short time as attorney general of the state, being appointed to that office. He was only twenty-six years of age when he became a candidate for congress on the Whig ticket in a district having a large Democratic majority, and although so young his popularity and ability were such that he received a largely increased Whig vote, failing of election by only eleven votes. In 1860 he again became a candidate and this time was more fortunate. In 1862 he was re-elected, and a third time in 1870, serving altogether for six years in the council chambers of the nation. In Blaine's "Twenty Years in Congress" the Maine statesman mentions the fact that Mr. Finck led the fight on the Democratic side against Thaddeus Stevens' confiscation measure. Mr. Finck made three speeches against the bill which were able and convincing. Although differing from President Lincoln on many points of political importance, Mr. Finck became a warm personal friend of Lincoln, who had no greater admirer in congress. Mr. Finck believed thoroughly in the cause of the Union and in the president's right to maintain that Union unbroken. He was twice





nominated by the Ohio Democratic party for the position of judge of the common pleas court in his district but invariably declined to serve in that office. During his lifetime he was an intimate friend and associate of such distinguished national characters as Thomas Ewing, Allen G. Thurman, George H. Pendleton, William S. Grosebeck and others.

The private life of Hon. William E. Finck was honorably and happily spent. He was married to Cecilia R. Garaghty, a daughter of Michael Garaghty, now deceased, who was at one time a resident of Lancaster and became very prominent, being an honored pioneer and leading business man there, actively associated with banking interests not only in Lancaster but also in other parts of the state. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Finck were four in number and the eldest is the namesake of the father. Mary E. is the widow of Frank A. Dittoe, a prominent business man of Somerset, who died in Columbus. Michael G. is living in Somerset. Martha is the wife of Martin Gallagher, who is prominently connected with the Congo Coal Company of Somerset, Ohio.

At the time of the golden wedding of the parents was celebrated, April 20, 1897, at which all the children were present, the following communication came from the bar of Perry county:

"To the Hon. W. E. Finck, Sr.: Upon this, the date of your golden wedding, we, your associates of the Perry county bar, send you our most hearty greeting and congratulations. Being mindful of your long,

useful and honorable course as a citizen and a member of the legal profession, we deem this a fitting and proper occasion to express to you the admiration and esteem in which you are held by your legal brethren and we greatly desire that your venerable life may be extended in health and usefulness for many years to the end that your upright life as a citizen, your love and devotion as a husband and father, your able advocacy at the bar, your honesty and fairness between citizens, your always earnest and diligent efforts to arrive at justice, truth and equity between parties, your desire to aid the court and jury and guide them unbiased to correct solutions of pending controversies, your ever affable and courteous demeanor, may be always actually before us, a guide and example for us to imitate and follow, that we, too, may in the end go down in the shades of life honored and respected by bench, bar and people. In extending congratulations to you we are not unmindful of her whose life has been for fifty years inseparably linked with yours, and to her we also extend congratulations." This was signed by the members of the Perry county bar.

Mr. Finck died at Somerset, January 25, 1901, when about seventy-nine years of age. Thus his life record covered a long span, and throughout all the years of his active manhood he so lived as to win the respect and confidence of all with whom he was associated. His legal learning, his analytical mind, the readiness with which he grasped the points in an argument, all combined to make him one of the most success-



ful and capable lawyers that has ever practiced at the bar of this county. Nature bestowed upon him many of her rarest gifts. He possessed a mind of extraordinary compass and an industry that brought forth

every spark of talent with which nature had gifted him. He was in every way a most superior man. His widow still survives him and resides in her beautiful home in Somerset.

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### HON. WILLIAM E. FINCK.

Fortunate is the man who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and happy is he if his lines of life are cast in harmony therewith. In person, in action and in character William E. Finck is a worthy representative of his race and is to-day regarded as one of the capable attorneys at law of Somerset, where his father was for many years a most distinguished practitioner. He was born in this town January 8, 1858, being a son of Hon. William E. and Cecilia R. (Garaghty) Finck.

In the public schools here he gained his education and after acquiring a good preliminary knowledge he entered the St. Louis University, of St. Louis, Missouri, in which he was graduated with the class of 1874. With broad general knowledge to serve as the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge, he then took up the study of law under the direction of his father and after a thorough and systematic course of reading, covering two years, he was admitted to the bar in 1876. For a quarter of a century he has been a practitioner in Somerset and his

clientage is now of a very extensive and important character. He at once entered upon the practice of his chosen profession wherein he was destined to rise to an honorable and prominent position. He began the work for which the previous years of study had been a preparation, becoming a member of the bar where sham reputation and empty pretenses were of no avail in the forensic combats. The young man, in his contest with older and experienced men whose reputation and patronage were already secured, found it a hard school, but it afforded excellent training and as he measured his strength with the best his mind was developed and his intellectual powers were quickened and strengthened and he acquired a readiness in action, a fertility of resource and a courage under stress that have been essential factors in his successful career.

Mr. Finck has also attained distinction in political circles. In 1896 he was nominated for congress in the eleventh district, running against General Charles Grosvenor, of Athens, Ohio. During that campaign he made over two hundred speeches and suc-



ceeded in reducing the Republican majority more than one-half. In 1897 he was elected state senator in the fifteenth and sixteenth districts of Ohio and changed the Republican majority of twenty-seven hundred, given two years before, to a Democratic majority of fourteen hundred. He carried his county, although strongly Republican. In 1899 he was nominated to the position of representative against his protest and was elected, although the rest of the county went Republican. He was made chairman of the senate judiciary committee and proved a most active and able working member of the house as well as the senate.

He was a recognized leader on the Democratic side of the senate and is known in political and professional circles throughout the state.

On the 4th of May, 1901, Hon. William E. Finck was united in marriage to Miss Orpha E. Helser, a daughter of A. H. Helser, of Somerset. Socially he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Newark, and is a member of the Catholic church. Earnest effort, close application and the exercise of his native talents have won him prestige as an able lawyer at a bar which has numbered many eminent and prominent men.

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### JOHN E. EVANS.

John E. Evans is well known in political circles in Perry county and is now acceptably filling the position of county recorder, maintaining his residence in New Lexington. He was born in Meigs county, Ohio, September 22, 1861, and is a son of William K. Evans, a native of Wales, who, leaving the little "rock-ribbed" land, sought a home in the new world, making his way across the country to this state. He settled in Pomeroy, Meigs county, where he worked in the rolling mills as a puddler. He followed that occupation till about 1872 and then accepted the position of night watchman until 1877, when he retired from active labor. He died July 3, 1883. His fa-

ther was killed at the battle of Waterloo. His wife passed away to the spirit world in 1869.

In 1879 our subject removed to Perry county, taking up his abode here in the month of October. He was then eighteen years of age. He located at New Straitsville, where he became connected with mining operations and thus continued in business until 1895, when he became weigh master with the Sunday Creek Coal Company. Recognized as a citizen of worth, deeply interested in the public progress, his fellow townsmen called him to positions of public trust, and for four years, from 1896 to 1900, he served as clerk of the village of



New Straitsville. In the fall of 1899 he was elected county recorder and entered upon the duties of that position the following fall. So capably has he served that in 1901 he was re-elected and has now entered upon his second term.

Mr. Evans has been a member of the Republican central committee of New Straitsville and has long taken an active part in politics, doing everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. He has made a close study of the political issues and questions of the day and is thus enabled to uphold his position by intelligent argument. As a public official he is most prompt and faithful in the discharge of his duties. His re-election to office is an indication of his capability. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding membership in

the lodge at New Straitsville, in which he is a past grand. He also has membership relations with the Knights of Pythias lodge at New Lexington and is a prominent Mason, identified with the lodge, chapter and commandery at that place.

Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Catherine J. Lloyd, a daughter of David Lloyd, of New Straitsville, now deceased, who was a soldier of the Fourth Virginia Infantry in the Civil war. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four sons and two daughters: William K., Sylvanus, David, Norman, Mary and Beatrice. Mr. Evans and his estimable wife have a large circle of friends in the county and although they have but recently become residents of New Lexington the hospitality of many of the best homes has been extended to them.

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### JAMES F. McMAHON.

Few men in Perry county have a wider acquaintance than James F. McMahon, who is now living a retired life, but for many years he was an active factor in journalistic circles and owned and edited the New Lexington Tribune, making it a paper of much value to the community. Mr. McMahon is a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, and when a young man he came to Perry county in 1851. He first embarked in merchandising in Somerset and continued business

along that line for twenty years, or until 1871, when he established the Somerset Tribune. In 1873 he removed the paper to New Lexington and changed its name to the New Lexington Tribune, continuing the publication of the journal until 1900. He made this paper a strong influence in Republican circles in Perry county. His editorials were strong, forceful and presented facts in a clear and logical manner. At the same time he labored earnestly for the pro-





motion of all interests contributing to local advancement and progress. His paper was one of the best country journals in the state and had a very wide circulation. Through the columns of the Tribune Mr. McMahon was largely instrumental in securing the building of the Cincinnati, Sandusky and Hamilton Railroad from Columbus to the coal fields of Perry county, a work that has proven of great practical value in the development of the rich mineral industries of this state.

Mr. McMahon was united in marriage in this county to Miss Charlotte Maines, a daughter of Frederick Maines, one of the old and respected citizens of Somerset. Two children have been born unto them: Sallie Emma and R. R. McMahon. For a half century Mr. McMahon has been a representative of the Masonic fraternity, taking nearly all of the degrees in the various branches of the order. In his life he exemplifies its beneficent and helpful spirit, recognizing the brotherhood of man.

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### C. A. BARROW, M. D.

C. A. Barrow, M. D., is engaged in practicing medicine in New Straitsville. A careful preparation for the calling, combined with his close attention to his professional duties, has made him a very successful and capable representative of the medical fraternity. The Doctor was born in England, his birth occurring seven miles from Manchester, on the 21st of March, 1865. When a boy he came to Perry county with his parents, William and Elizabeth (Hawkins) Barrow, both of whom are still living in New Straitsville at the age of seventy-three years. For twenty-six years the father worked in the coal mines, but is now living retired.

The Doctor pursued his education in the public schools at New Straitsville, but his advantages were somewhat limited. When

a boy he began working in the coal mines and he also carried the chain for the surveyors for six years. Being ambitious, energetic and resolute he determined to enter professional life and often studied nights until one or two o'clock in order to counteract the defect of the lack of early educational privileges. At length he was prepared for entrance into college. He is a graduate of the Kentucky School of Medicine, of Louisville, having completed the course there in 1893. He also took a two years' course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Baltimore, Maryland. In 1893 he opened his office in New Straitsville, where he has since been engaged in general practice, and his reading and investigation are continually broadening his knowledge and promoting his efficiency. He has invested



to some extent in oil wells, but his profession claims the major part of his time.

The Doctor was married in 1894 to Miss Adda Sayre, a daughter of Williamson Sayre, who was born in Bearfield township and still lives upon the old home farm there. He and his brother, Daniel Sayre, are worthy farmers of this county, while Edwin D. Sayre, the brother of Mrs. Barrow, is serving as prosecuting attorney for Athens county, Ohio. She has another brother, Milton, who is a resident of St. Mary's, West Virginia. He is a very prominent and influential resident there. Unto the Doctor and his wife have been born two children:

Charles Sayre and Edith. Perry county figures as one of the most attractive, progressive and prosperous divisions of the state of Ohio, justly claiming a high order of citizenship and a spirit of enterprise which is certain to conserve consecutive development and marked advancement in the material upbuilding of the section. The county has been and is signally favored in the class of men who have controlled its affairs in official capacity, and in this connection the subject of this review demands representation as one who has served the county faithfully and well in positions of distinction, trust and responsibility.

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### LEWIS COOPERIDER.

Upon a farm in Thorn township resides Lewis Cooperider, who is widely known in the county as a practical, progressive and respected agriculturist. He is numbered among Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Bowling Green township, Licking county, on the 13th of April, 1826. His parents were David and Magdalena (Smith) Cooperider. The father was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio when about sixteen years of age with his brother, locating in Licking county, where he engaged in farming. His parents afterward removed to this state and located in Licking county, where they lived and died. The father of our subject remained a resi-

dent of that county until 1829, when he removed to Perry county, locating in Thorn township. His father had taken up land in Perry, Fairfield and Licking counties for his children, and David Cooperider settled on a part of this land in Perry county, where there were three quarter sections, each one occupied by one of the brothers. It was wild and unimproved but they cleared it and placed it under a high state of cultivation, put up good buildings and made very desirable homes for themselves. David Cooperider spent his remaining days upon his old home place, which he developed and was engaged in general farming and stock-raising. As the years passed his labors



brought to him creditable success and he became the possessor of a comfortable competence. In all his business dealings he was honest, straightforward and commanded the confidence and good will of those with whom he was associated. He died at the age of seventy-two years, in the faith of the Lutheran church, of which he had long been a member. In his political views he was a Democrat, but never sought or desired office. He married Magdalena Smith, who was born in Pennsylvania and with her parents came to Ohio. She was the eldest in the family of Andrew Smith, one of the early settlers of Hopewell township, Perry county, who died there at an advanced age. Mrs. Cooperider was a member of the German Reformed church and lived a consistent Christian life. She died at the age of eighty-two years. In their family were five children, two daughters and three sons, of whom Lewis was the eldest. The sons are all yet living but the daughters are deceased. Jacob is a resident of Millersport, Fairfield county, where he is following blacksmithing. Peter resides in Reading township, Perry county, and is also a blacksmith by trade. Elizabeth became the wife of Jacob Daniels, of Indiana, but is now deceased, and Eve passed away at the age of two years.

Lewis Cooperider accompanied his parents on their removal from Licking to Perry county when he was a little lad of three summers, and in the common schools of Thorn township he acquired his education and spent his boyhood days, remaining upon the home farm until he had attained his majority. He engaged in farming until the

death of his father, after which he learned the blacksmithing trade, which he followed for many years. He removed from the home place to his present farm, which was willed to him by his father and which comprises a quarter section of land on section 13, Thorn township. It is all under cultivation and highly improved, with splendid modern equipments, all of which are an indication of the enterprise and thrift of the owner, as they were placed there by him. Much of the land was cleared by Mr. Cooperider, who then cultivated the fields and planted the crops and in course of time he garnered rich harvests. He also put up good, substantial buildings, and now has a modern farm. His attention is devoted to the cultivation of grain best adapted to this climate, and to some extent he also follows blacksmithing.

In 1849 Mr. Cooperider was united in marriage to Elizabeth Klingler, who was born in Hopewell township, Perry county, a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Klingler, who were also settlers of this township, coming to Ohio from Pennsylvania, people of culture and refinement. They became prominent and influential in the community in which they made their home and both died at an advanced age in Hopewell township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cooperider were born eight children, of whom seven are yet living: Thomas Jefferson, a farmer residing in Nebraska, married Miss Basore; Leah is the wife of Henry Case, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; Elizabeth is also living in Upper Sandusky; Amanda is the wife of Hamer King, a farmer of Licking county;



Ida became the wife of Henry Yaeger and died, leaving two children; Rufus, who resides in Colorado, where he is engaged in farming and cattle-raising, is married and has a family; the seventh child died in infancy; and Adam was the eighth in order of birth. The mother of this family died at the age of thirty-five years and for his second wife Mr. Cooperider chose Susan Crist, a daughter of Philip Crist. She was born in Thorn township, Perry county, and has become the mother of four children: M. Magdelene resides at home and has charge of the farm; Emmet, a resident farmer of Arkansas, married Miss Almeda Mechling, a daughter of William Mechling, of Hopewell township; Chauncy, who follows farming in Thorn township, married Miss Minnie Bear, of Hopewell township; and Noble, who is a land owner in Missouri and California, makes his home in the for-

mer state. He married Miss Jennie Hern and has a family.

Mr. Cooperider holds membership in the Lutheran church, and in politics is a Democrat, taking quite an active interest in the work of the party. He has served as trustee of his township and for many years has been school trustee, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend who does all in his power to promote the grade of the schools. Having spent almost his entire life in this county, he has become widely known and enjoys in a high degree the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been associated, for his life has been characterized by indefatigable industry, by fairness in all business transactions and by reliability in friendship. He has, therefore, gained the respect of a large circle of acquaintances and well deserves representation in this volume.

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## AMOS H. HELSER.

Amos H. Helsel is a member of the firm of A. H. Helsel & Son, undertakers, of Somerset. In this business they have engaged since 1897, but since 1881 Mr. Helsel has been connected with the express business of Somerset, has conducted a hack line and has dealt extensively in horses. He has become widely known as an energetic and reliable, as well as progressive, business man and well deserves representation in this

volume. Mr. Helsel is a native of Thorn township, Perry county, his birth having occurred in 1850. He is a son of John and Fannie (Snider) Helsel, both of whom were natives of Perry county. David Helsel, the grandfather of our subject, was one of the pioneer settlers of this portion of the state, coming from Pennsylvania to Perry county at a very early day in its history. The parents resided upon a farm and were





well known and respected people of the community. The father died in 1865, at the age of sixty-seven years, while the mother passed away in 1870, at the age of sixty years. She was a daughter of Daniel Snider, also an early settler of Thorn township. In the family of John and Fannie Helser were two sons and four daughters, the brother of our subject being Eli Helser, a resident of Warsaw, Indiana. The sisters are Ellen, who is also living in Warsaw; Sarah, now Mrs. Whitehead, of that place; a half-sister, Mrs. Levi Helser, of Perry county; and Nancy, who is the eldest of the family. She became the wife of Joseph Dupler and died a number of years ago in Thorn township.

Amos H. Helser, of this review, was reared to manhood upon the home farm and pursued his education in the district schools and continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until 1872, when he took up his abode in Somerset, where he has since made his home. He has been extensively engaged in dealing in fine horses and has had a liberal patronage in the sale of fine matched teams. He has sold a number of teams at excellent prices and has gained a wide reputation by reason of the fine animals which he handles and his reliability in business transactions. Since 1881 he has conducted a hack line in Somerset and has also filled a position as agent for the United States Express Company. In 1897, in connection with his son, he embarked in the undertaking business and they now have a very large patronage in this line.

Mr. Helser was united in marriage to

Miss Mattie Karr, a daughter of Noah and Catherine (Smith) Karr. Her father was born in Thorn township in 1824 and was a son of Rev. William Karr, who was one of the first settlers of Perry county. He was a teacher of German and English, was also a minister of the Baptist church and his efforts for the intellectual and moral development of the community were effective and far-reaching. His wife bore the maiden name of Susan Griffith, and among their children was Noah Karr, who became a prominent and influential citizen of Perry county. He was called upon to fill a number of positions of public trust. In 1870 and 1872 he was elected sheriff of the county and in 1878 was chosen for the position of county treasurer. In all of these offices he was found loyal and faithful to the public trust. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Helser has been blessed with the following children: Orphenna, the wife of Hon. William E. Finck, of Somerset; Otis, who is associated in business with his father; Jeanette C., who was a graduate of the high school of Somerset and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and died in 1901, at the age of twenty-seven years, three months and ten days; and Mary, who is still attending school.

Mr. Helser is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is serving as treasurer of his local lodge, of which he is also district deputy grand master. He has been honored with some political positions, having served as township trustee for six years, while for twelve years he has been a member of the board of education. Mr.



Helser takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of the community. He has ever discharged his public duties with marked ability and fairness, for he is a most loyal and public-spirited citizen. As a business man he has

been respected not only for his success but for his probity and honorable methods. In everything he has been eminently practical, and this has been manifest not only in his business undertakings but also in social and private life.

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### STEPHEN M. GOULD.

Stephen Martin Gould is the manager of extensive industrial interests at Shawnee, being the superintendent of the Ohio Mining & Manufacturing Company, of New York, which owns an extensive plant at Shawnee for the manufacture of pressed and ornamental brick. In the control of this large enterprise Mr. Gould displays superior powers of management, keen business insight and capable control and well may he be numbered among the leading representatives of industrial circles in Perry county.

Mr. Gould is a native of Norway and is of Norwegian and Scotch descent. By his parents he was brought to America in his boyhood days and was reared upon a farm in Iowa, but he preferred other business than that of the farm and after attaining his majority put aside the work of field and meadow to enter other lines of life. He came to Shawnee in 1896 as foreman of the plant of the Ohio Mining & Manufacturing Company and acted in that capacity continuously until November, 1899, when he

accepted a position in Colorado. There he remained until October, 1900, when he was recalled and became the manager of the present plant and has since served in that important position. The plant was established in 1896 and has a capacity of forty thousand brick per day. Employment is furnished to eighty men exclusive of the miners. There are ten coal diggers in the coal mine and twenty clay diggers, making one hundred and ten men altogether. A large quantity of pressed brick is daily manufactured, and all lines of fancy brick, of any color and any shade are made. The product is shipped throughout the country, there being a good market in thirty-one states and one hundred and thirty-one cities. Large agencies have been established in all the principal cities of the United States. Mr. Gould came to his present position well equipped for his responsible duties by practical experience. He has been engaged in brick-manufacturing for fifteen years, principally in Iowa, Minnesota, Colorado and Missouri. He then



came to Shawnee, and his supervision of the large plant of which he now has charge is one which gives entire satisfaction to the company which he represents. His practical knowledge of the business enables him to carefully direct the working of this large establishment and under his supervision the business is constantly increasing, both in volume and importance. He has the entire management, including the manufacture, the purchases of materials and the sales, and therefore its profitable and successful conduct is due entirely to his efforts.

Fraternally Mr. Gould is well known and is a valued representative of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias fraternities. During the years of his residence he has become quite widely known in Perry county and has gained a very desirable reputation as an enterprising and reliable business man, while outside of the office he is known for his genial disposition and many admirable qualities which have gained him warm personal regard. On December 7, 1893, Mr. Gould was united in marriage to Miss Jettie M. Doty, of Van Meter, Dallas county, Iowa.

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### BERNARD MECHLING.

Bernard Mechling, now deceased, was a highly respected farmer of Perry county and one whose life contained in it many elements worthy of commendation and of emulation. He resided in Hopewell township upon a farm where his birth occurred and it remained his place of residence throughout his entire life. He passed away April 17, 1896, while he was born April 21, 1837. His parents were Samuel and Magdelene (Poorman) Mechling. He was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather was Jacob Mechling, who with his family came to Ohio about 1811, settling in Hopewell township, Perry county, where he entered eight tracts of land of a half section each

and this is still in possession of the Mechling family. He became a very prominent and influential farmer of his day and was an active member of the Lutheran church. The Mechling family is one of the oldest and most prominent in this part of the county, representatives of the name have taken a very active part in the welfare and upbuilding of the town and county along political, religious and social lines, and the family record is a creditable one.

Bernard Mechling, the subject of this review, pursued his education in the district schools and at an early day began to assist his father upon the home farm. As soon as old enough to handle a plow he began work in the field and became an active fac-



tor in the cultivation and improvement of his father's land. On the 26th of May, 1859, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Humberger and unto them were born two sons, Owen H., who resides in Hopewell township and married Miss Emma Burkett, by whom he has two children, Luke and George; and Albert W., who married Cora Springer and resides in Hopewell township. They also have two children, Florence and Helen. After the death of his first wife Mr. Mechling was again married on the 17th of January, 1867, his second union being with Miss Leah Zartman, who was born in Hopewell township, Perry county, and is a daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (King) Zartman. Her mother was a native of Hopewell township, while the father was also a native of Perry county, and was a son of Alexander and Saloma (Cobel) Zartman, both of whom were natives of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Hopewell township, Perry county, about 1810, settling in the southern part of the township, where Mrs. Rebecca Zartman is now living at the age of eighty-six years. Unto Alexander Zartman and wife were born nine children, all of whom are deceased with the exception of Margaret. They were Sarah, who became the wife of George Mechling; Catherine, who died in childhood; Israel; Isaac, the father of Mrs. Bernard Mechling; Joshua; Henry; Levi; Mrs. Margaret Foucht, a resident of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; and Magdelene, who became the wife of Joel Smith. Isaac Zartman, the father of Mrs. Mechling, was a

very successful farmer and a man well liked by all who knew him. He was a Democrat in his political views and for a number of years served as treasurer of Hopewell township, while for a long time he was justice of the peace. He was also an active member of the Reformed church and led the music in the organization to which he belonged. Isaac Zartman and his wife were the parents of nine children: Leah A., the wife of Bernard Mechling; Solomon K., who married Malinda Foucht and resides in Dayton, Ohio; Sarah, who is the widow of Noah Swinehart and is living in Somerset, Ohio; Levi, who died at the age of seven years; Magdelene, the wife of Jacob Foucht, a resident of Dayton, Ohio; Angeline, who is the wife of Benjamin Alspaugh and resides with her mother in Hopewell township; Allen K., who married Libbey A. Conrad, of Canton, Ohio, and is a minister of the Reformed church now located at Fort Wayne, Indiana; Margaret J., the wife of William H. Parks, a resident of Hopewell township; and Rufus Calvin, who wedded Hattie Eaton, of Fostoria, Ohio, and is a minister of the Reformed church, now preaching at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Isaac Zartman was the owner of about one hundred and seventeen acres of valuable land at the time of his death. He and his wife had lived together in the holy bonds of matrimony for nearly sixty-six years. His death occurred March 5, 1901, when he was eighty-seven years of age and his remains were interred in St. Paul's cemetery in Hopewell township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mechling were born three children: Mary





Estella became the wife of August H. Dornbirer, a Lutheran minister of Sandusky, Ohio, and they have two sons, Wayne Mechling and Elmer Robert. Sylvia R., the second child, died at the age of four months. Homer C. married Miss Gertrude Gordon, a daughter of Le Roy and Almetta (Rousculp) Gordon. They reside with his mother, Mrs. Mechling.

In his political views Bernard Mechling was a stanch Democrat and supported his honest convictions without fear or favor. He owned about two hundred acres of fine farming land and devoted his time and attention to general farming and to stock-raising. He prospered in both branches of his business and annually raised and sold a large number of cattle. In 1874 he erected a fine large brick residence and a commodious barn. His was one of the fine homes of the county and everything about his place indicated the careful supervision of a progressive, practical and enterprising owner. He took great delight in providing well for his family, counting no personal

sacrifice too great that would promote the welfare or enhance the happiness of his wife and children. Mr. Mechling held membership in the Lutheran church, while his widow, a most estimable lady, having many warm friends throughout the community, is a member of the Reformed church. In his church Mr. Mechling led the singing for many years and was the Sunday-school superintendent for over thirty years. He passed away April 17, 1896, and his remains were interred in St. Paul's cemetery. His was largely a blameless life and his entire life was characterized by industry, by perseverance, by honorable principles and by his Christian faith. He treated his fellow men fairly, was loyal in friendship, faithful in citizenship and was a devoted husband and father. He made friends wherever he went and when called to the home beyond his death was widely and deeply mourned throughout the entire community, in which he had spent his entire life. To know Bernard Mechling was to esteem and honor him.

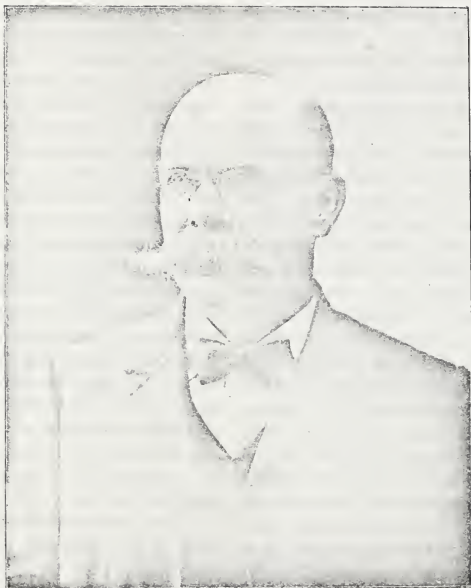
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### CALVIN ESSEX.

A representative of the business interests of New Straitsville, Calvin Essex is there engaged in dealing in furniture and is also conducting an undertaking establishment. He is likewise one of the owners of coal mine No. 37, belonging to the Essex

Coal Company, in which enterprise he is associated with his brother, H. H. Essex, who is acting as superintendent of the mine. A man of resourceful business ability, our subject is successfully carrying forward these various undertakings and in their man-





CALVIN ESSEX



agement displays excellent business ability. He belongs to that class of representative American citizens who, while promoting individual success, also advance the general good.

Mr. Essex is a native of Noble county, Ohio, his birth having there occurred in 1848. He is a son of Nathan H. and Elizabeth (Morris) Essex, whose ancestry can be traced back to England, whence representatives of the family came to New Jersey in 1650. The parents of our subject were both natives of Noble county, Ohio, born near the Morgan county line. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Hardesty Essex, who came from New Jersey to the Buckeye state and here established the family. Nathan H. Essex remained at home until the time of the Civil war, when he offered his services to the government and joined the Union army. His son Calvin also attempted to enlist but was rejected because of his youth. Nathan Essex was a well known, active and enterprising citizen of Noble county and enjoyed the high regard of a large circle of friends there. In his family were six sons and four daughters. Of the sons Nelson Summerbell Essex is a resident of New Straitsville; W. S. Essex is a prominent lawyer and citizen of Fort Worth, Texas; Rev. La Fayette Essex is living in Nelsonville, Ohio; and is a minister of the Christian church; H. H. Essex is connected with our subject in the coal business; Sherman Essex and our subject complete the number. The daughters of the family are Mrs. C. A. Rogers, the wife of Sylvester Rogers, of Columbus; Eliza-

beth Elmira, the widow of Rev. Thomas Cook, of Hocking county, Ohio, who was a minister of the Bible Christian church and died June 1, 1902; Zelda, the wife of Isaac Wolfe, of Tocsin, Indiana; and Harriet, the wife of Samuel Wolie, a farmer of Tocsin, Indiana.

Calvin Essex spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and when twenty-three years of age came to New Straitsville. He at once secured employment in the Troy Coal Mine as a miner and later he hauled coal by contract. He began business on his own account in 1878 as a grocer and baker and continued in that line until 1898, meeting with creditable and gratifying success. In 1879 he added undertaking, and in 1880 furniture was also added to his business. In 1898 he established his present furniture and undertaking business, which he has since carried on. Since that time his patronage has steadily increased, for his fellow citizens and people of the surrounding country realize the fact that his prices are reasonable, his business methods honorable and that his goods are as represented. He therefore has prospered in his commercial pursuits and to-day is one of the leading merchants of the place. In 1885 he became connected with coal mining interests and in that year he opened up a mine at Monday, Ohio. He was first associated with Robert Stalter, but in 1893 this partnership was dissolved. In 1898 he organized the Essex Coal Company, the partners being his brothers and others. Mine No. 37 was opened and operated from 1893 until 1898. In 1895 Mr. Essex suffered



considerable loss by fire in the destruction of his home and store, all being destroyed with the exception of some of his household goods and a part of his stock. In 1895 he built a fine brick store and residence complete. It is the finest business place in the town. The dimensions of the building are one hundred and seventy-six by twenty-two feet and at the back are three rooms each twenty-two feet in depth. Above and at the side there are nice rooms for residence purposes, making a pleasant and convenient home as well as a good business block.

Mr. Essex was married in Hocking county, Ohio, to Miss Evalyn Stalter, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Rose) Stalter, who were pioneer settlers of Ohio. Unto our subject and his wife have been born the following children: Luella, the wife of Dr. B. E. Winters, of New Straitsville; Charles S., who is living in the same place; Mabel Elizabeth, the wife of R. A. Duvol; Robert and Frederick, who are living in New Straitsville; and one who died

in infancy. In his social relations Mr. Essex is a Mason, belonging to lodge, chapter and council. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in both the subordinate branch and encampment, in which he has passed all of the chairs. He likewise belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as trustee for a number of years. His political support is given the Democracy and for three terms he has served as a member of the city council, filling the office from 1874 until 1878 and again from 1899 until 1901. He has put forth every effort in his power in his official position to promote the welfare of the town, and at all times has been true to public trust. In the conduct of his extensive and important business affairs he displays excellent executive force and keen discrimination and his prosperity is the merited reward of his own energetic and progressive labors.

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## ROBERT M. SMALL.

Robert M. Small is a practitioner of law in New Lexington, having been admitted to the bar in 1900. He is therefore in the initial years of his professional career, but he has by close study well prepared himself for his chosen vocation, and possessing a laudable ambition and indefatig-

able energy, he will doubtless win a very creditable position as a lawyer; in fact, he is already well known in this connection and is likewise an active factor in business circles, being the secretary of the Junction City Building & Loan Association, which is one of the leading financial institutions





of Perry county. He has filled the office for three years and his management of the affairs of the company has brought to it creditable success.

Mr. Small is a native of Wood county, Virginia, born in 1871. The family is of Scotch-Irish descent and was established in North Carolina prior to the Revolutionary war. Robert Small, the father of our subject, was born in that state and after arriving at years of maturity he wedded Mary Swink, a native of Virginia, her people having been pioneer settlers of the south. After acquiring his preliminary education Robert M. Small, of this review, continued his studies in the Ohio State University, at Columbus. Later he received the degree of M. Ph. from Mt. Hope College, having completed the three courses in philosophy, civil engineering and law. Prior to his admission to the bar he was engaged in teaching school in Montgomery county, Ohio,

for three years. Later he filled the position of superintendent of the Junction City schools, Perry county, from 1897 until 1900. In December, 1900, he opened an office in New Lexington and has gained a good clientele for one so young. He is determined that success shall attend his efforts and strong determination is always an important factor in business. He realizes that advancement must come through capability and close application and these qualities have already been manifest in his career.

Mr. Small is a member of New Lexington Lodge, No. 509, B. P. O. E. In politics he is a Democrat, active and earnest in support of his party and in 1895 he was a candidate for the state legislature from Montgomery county. He has served on the county executive committee here and puts forth every effort in his power to secure the success of the Democracy.

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## EDWARD CALL.

Edward Call has been honored with the position of mayor of New Straitsville and is now capably serving in that capacity. He has filled many positions of public trust and is a prominent factor in Democratic circles in this portion of the state. His fidelity to duty and his reliability in all public positions has made his record one of worth and value to the community. He has ever placed the general good before partisanship and the

welfare of his community before personal aggrandizement.

Mr. Call was born in the city of Philadelphia, in 1849, and is a son of Edward Call, who with his family came to Perry county in 1855, settling in Pike township. He was born in county Donegal, Ireland, and after arriving at years of maturity he wedded Mary Sweeney, also a native of the same county. Unto them were born the fol-



lowing children: Charles, who is a mine boss at Shawnee; Dennis, who is living in Sulphur Springs, Perry county; John, a resident of New Straitsville; Mrs. Mary Nutter, of Hocking county; Mrs. Rose Wile, of Sulphur Springs, Perry county; and Mrs. Hannah Biven, of New Straitsville. The father of this family departed this life in New Straitsville, at the age of fifty-nine years, in 1878. Mrs. Call is still living, making her home with her children.

Edward Call, whose name introduces this review, was only six years of age when brought by his parents to Perry county and here he has lived since. He pursued his education in the public schools and was married in Illinois to Miss Dora Sheridan, a daughter of Silas Sheridan, a native of Hocking county, Ohio, where his people were pioneer settlers. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Call have been born six children: Charles, Albert, Lawrence, Mary, Edith and Ruth, all of whom are yet residing under the parental roof.

Mr. Call has served for many years in

positions of public trust. He has been a resident of New Straitsville since 1872, and from 1878 until 1880 he served as marshal of the town. He was also city clerk and for three years was a member of the school board. In 1898 he was elected justice of the peace, and in 1901 was re-elected, so that his incumbency was continuous for six years. He was also chosen mayor of the city in 1901 and is therefore the present chief executive of the town. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, has served on the county committee and has frequently been a delegate to county and state conventions. In 1901 he was his party's candidate for the state legislature. In the community where he is best known he receives the hearty endorsement, not only of men of his own party, but of the opposition as well, and he has ever demonstrated that the trust reposed in him has not been betrayed. Mr. Call became a member of the Miners' Union and in 1876 joined the Knights of Labor, in which organization he has been very active.

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## HENRY D. COCHRANE.

Henry D. Cochrane has for more than a quarter of a century been a member of the Perry county bar. He has made a lasting impression upon the bar of this locality both for legal ability of a high order and for the individuality of a personal character which

impresses itself upon a community. A native of Jackson township, this county, he was born on the 10th of July, 1851. His ancestry can be traced back to an early period in the history of this country. The great-great-grandfather of our subject lived



on Jersey Island and from Ireland he emigrated to America soon after the close of the Revolutionary war, establishing his home in New York. The father of our subject bore the name of Ira Cochrane. He was born in Meigs county, Ohio, and thence emigrated to Perry county, coming to this place when a lad in company with his father, Henry D. Cochrane. Later he entered land in Perry county and took up his abode thereon, devoting his energies to the development of a good farm. He died in April, 1863, when about sixty years of age. His son, Ira Cochrane, continued a resident of the county from the time of the arrival of the family here until his demise, but he attained the age of only thirty years, passing away in 1836. He married Mary O'Hagan, who long survived him, passing away on the 17th of May, 1901, at the age of eighty years.

Under the parental roof Henry D. Cochrane, of this review, spent the days of his childhood. At the usual age he entered the public schools and therein acquired a good knowledge of the common branches of English learning. He studied law in New Lexington with the firm of Ferguson & Jackson. When sixteen years of age he began teaching school and followed that profession for eight years, thus providing for his expenses while pursuing his law course. On the 16th of August, 1876, he was admitted to the bar. He at once opened an office in New Lexington, where he has given his attention in an undivided manner to the practice of his profession, his clientele continually growing in volume and im-

portance until it is now of a distinctively representative character. He has argued many cases and has lost but few. No one better knows the necessity for thorough preparation and no one more industriously prepares his cases than he. His course in the courtroom is characterized by a calmness and dignity that indicate reserve strength. He is always courteous and deferential toward the court, kind and forbearing toward his adversaries. He examines a witness carefully and thoroughly, but treats him with a respect that makes the witness grateful for his kindness and forbearance. His handling of his case is always full, comprehensive and accurate; his analysis of the facts is clear and exhaustive. He sees without effort the relation and dependence of the facts, and so groups them as to enable him to throw their combined force upon the point they tend to prove.

Mr. Cochrane was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lorimer, a daughter of William and Margaret Lorimer, who were residents of Jackson township and became pioneer settlers of Perry county, Ohio. Both are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane have been born three children: Edward, who is now in the employ of the Robinson Machine Company, of Monongahela, Pennsylvania; William W., who is in the employ of the Tribune Printing Company, of New Lexington; and John, who is yet a student in school. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane are widely and favorably known in this city, where their circle of friends is quite extensive. In politics he has always been a Republican, but has never sought



or desired the honors and emoluments of public office, desiring rather to give his undivided attention to his professional duties. In manner he is genial and courteous and these qualities have rendered him a social favorite in New Lexington.

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### RANDOLPH M. FOUNTAIN.

Randolph M. Fountain, who is engaged in the hardware, implement and general insurance business in Somerset, was born in Redington, then New Reading, Perry county, on the 29th of September, 1866, and is a son of James Carson and Jane (Mitchell) Fountain. His grandfather, Curtis Fountain, came to this county from Pennsylvania about 1825. His wife was also a native of the Keystone state. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Randolph Mitchell, who became an early settler of Reading township, and his wife was Lydia Mitchell. James Carson Fountain, the father of our subject, was born in Clayton township, Perry county, in 1836 and died in 1896, at the age of sixty years. He filled the position of justice of the peace for fourteen years and was known as a citizen of genuine worth, devoted to the best interests of the community. For eighteen years he was connected with the Ohio Farmers' Insurance Company and was a very active and public-spirited man. He gave his political support to the Democratic party, never wavering in his allegiance to its principles. In the family of James C. and Jane Fountain were three sons and three daughters:

Mary A., a resident of Redington; Lydia C., the wife of Clinton E. Love, who is in partnership with our subject; Randolph M., of this review; Maggie B., the wife of P. M. Bowman, one of the owners of the mill at Somerset; Frank M., who is acting as clerk for his brother; and Carson, who is engaged in teaching in Redington.

Randolph Mitchell Fountain, the subject of this review, was reared upon the old homestead in Redington and attended the schools there. He was afterward graduated in the Capital City Commercial College, of Columbus, in 1888, and then went into the hardware business, becoming a clerk at Junction City, Perry county. Subsequently he went to Bremen, Fairfield county, in 1892, to become manager of the hardware store there. In 1893 he located in Somerset and accepted the position of bookkeeper and cashier for the firm of O. B. Ream & Company, druggists, but after a year he accepted a clerkship in the store of Fisher Brothers, hardware dealers of Somerset. In 1895 he bought out his employers and entered into business under the name of R. M. Fountain. In 1896, however, he sold this business to the Yarnell Tin





& Hardware Company and in that year bought a farm in the edge of Somerset. Mr. Fountain then carried on agricultural pursuits until 1900, when he sold his farm and established a hardware and implement business as a member of the firm of Fountain & Love, his partner being Clinton E. Love. The new enterprise is being successfully conducted and their patronage has already assumed good proportions. Mr. Fountain has the general agency of the Ohio Farmers' Insurance Company, which position he has held for seven years. As his father held the same position for eighteen years, the company has been represented by the Fountain family for twenty-five years.

Mr. Fountain was married in Junction City to Miss Mary Florence Baird, a daugh-

ter of James T. Baird. They now have two children, Nellie Lucille and Frances Adelle. In his political views Mr. Fountain is an active Democrat, doing everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. He is also a prominent member of the Odd Fellows society, has served as noble grand in his lodge and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the fraternity. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of Redington and has served as chairman of its board of trustees. He takes a very deep interest in everything pertaining to the general good along material, social and intellectual as well as moral lines, and throughout Perry county, where he has spent his entire life, he is widely and favorably known.

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## H. M. BUGHMAN.

H. M. Bughman, who is filling the position of engineer in the New Lexington Electric Light plant, has served in this capacity almost continuously since 1895. He was born in Reading township, Perry county, and is a son of Jacob Bughman, who located here at an early day, coming to America with his mother. They emigrated to this country from Germany, settling at Baltimore, Maryland, and thence made their way across the country to Ohio. Here the father of our subject continued to reside

until he was called to his final rest and devoted his attention to farming pursuits, thereby providing for his family. He married Elizabeth Zimmer, who was also a native of Germany, and his death occurred in 1891, when he was seventy-eight years of age.

Under the parental Mr. Bughman of this review spent his childhood days and after completing his literary education in the public schools he became a mechanical and electrical engineer, thoroughly master-



ing the business in all its branches and departments. His studies were pursued in Otterbein and then he commenced learning his trade. For a time he was employed as an engineer in Kentucky and in 1895 he became engineer in the New Lexington Electric Light plant, which was built in that year and of which he had charge for one year. After an interval of two years he again accepted the position and has served continuously since 1898. The engine is a three-hundred-horse-power one and the plant is equipped with the latest improved machinery, which furnishes power for from twelve to fifteen hundred incandescent lights and fifty arc lights. Under the capable management of Mr. Bughman the plant is carefully run and the works are giving excellent satisfaction to the patrons. For twenty-three years Mr. Bughman has been an engineer and for six years served

in that capacity in Junction City, Perry county. He has taken the state examination and proved himself so well qualified that he was awarded two first-class licenses.

Mr. Bughman was united in marriage to Miss Belle Steen, a native of Reading township, Perry county, and a daughter of Jacob Steen, who was a valiant soldier in the Union army, serving through the entire Civil war. His son, John Steen, is now a soldier in the Philippines and has been twice wounded. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bughman have been born the following children: Viva, Lizzie, Guy, Elsie, Vera, Milo and Goldia. Mr. Bughman is widely known throughout the county and is recognized as a reliable and faithful business man who, in social circles as well as in his business career, has gained the esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

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### DUDLEY H. FOSTER.

During the pioneer epoch in the history of Ohio the Foster family of which our subject is a member was founded in this state by his great-great-grandfather, who came from Maryland and took up his abode in Ross county. There the great-grandfather was born and Colonel John Foster, the grandfather, was also a native of that county. He became a very prominent and influential citizen and left the impress of his

individuality upon public life. He served as colonel in the state militia and was also a leader in civil life, being a member of the state legislature. His business affairs prospered and he became a wealthy man and leading citizen.

Joseph Foster, the father of our subject, was a resident of Pike county and possessed considerable influence as a leader of the Republican party. He was a man of



strong mentality and sterling worth, well fitted to become a leader in public thought and action. His opinions carried weight in the councils of his party and he labored indefatigably for the adoption of the principles of government in which he so firmly believed. He married Amanda McMillen, a daughter of Alexander McMillen, of Pike county, a prominent business man of his day. The McMillen family was also from Maryland, although the great-great-grandfather of our subject was a native of Scotland, whence he emigrated to the new world, establishing his home in Maryland.

Dudley Hampton Foster, the subject of this review, is a native of Pike county, Ohio, his birth having occurred on his father's farm there. Under the parental roof he was reared and in the schools of the neigh-

borhood he acquired his preliminary education, after which he entered the Ohio State University, at Columbus, where he was graduated in law and arts, completing his course in June, 1895. Well prepared for his chosen profession by thorough and comprehensive study Mr. Foster came to Corning in September following his graduation and has since been engaged in practice here.

Mr. Foster is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and in the Masonic order he has attained the Knight Templar degree. He is also a member of the Mystic Shrine, of Columbus, and holds membership relations with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. A pleasant, genial manner and social disposition have made Mr. Foster popular with a large circle of friends.

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## JAMES F. PURVIS.

James F. Purvis is a well known representative of the industrial interests of New Lexington. It is no longer wars but business development that makes history. The progress of the country is not dependent upon the conquest of one nation over another, but is the direct result of industrial and commercial activity. The trade relations lead to the improvement of a section and they who are active in business affairs are the real promoters of a country's prosperity.

With such may be classed James F. Purvis, who is associated with his father, A. C. Purvis, in New Lexington, in conducting the Lone Star mill, under the name of the Purvis Milling Company, engaged in the manufacture of flour. He was born in Rush Creek township, Fairfield county, one mile from the Perry county line and is a son of A. C. and Margaret A. (Householder) Purvis. The latter was born in Reading township, Perry county, and is a daughter of Adam Householder, now de-



ceased. He came from Pennsylvania to the Buckeye state in 1824, taking up his abode in Perry county. He became a very prosperous farmer and a leading and influential citizen of his community, and at his death left eight children. The paternal ancestry of our subject can be traced back through several generations to George Purvis, the great-grandfather, who came from England in 1793. His son, James Purvis, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Seneca county, New York, and when five years of age was brought to Ohio by his parents. He became well known in this portion of the state and public positions of trust were given into his keeping. He served as deputy sheriff of Delaware and Morrow counties prior to the Civil war and as trustee of Rush Creek township, Fairfield county, for thirteen years, filling that position continuously from 1860 until 1873. He married Elizabeth (Ross) Clemens, a native of Maryland, who is still living at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Her father, Abram Clemens, came to Ohio in pioneer times, arriving in 1821, at which time he entered six hundred forty acres of land in Rush Creek township, which is still owned by the family. His brother, Ephraim Clemens, laid out the town of Mount Clemens, Michigan, in 1808. He was a territorial judge of Michigan and was a very prominent and influential man there. Unto James and Elizabeth (Clemens) Purvis were born two sons, the elder being the father of our subject, while the second was James E. Purvis, now living in Bremen, Fairfield county, Ohio. Their father died January 5, 1900,

at the age of eighty-two years, but as above stated, his widow is still living.

A. C. Purvis, the father of our subject, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, in 1850, and in 1852 was taken by his parents to Fairfield county, where he was reared and educated. For a number of years he was actively associated with farming interests and is now connected with his son, James F., in the milling business. He has ever been a practical and progressive man, deeply interested in the general welfare and doing everything in his power to promote public progress, while at the same time advancing his individual success. After arriving at years of maturity he married Margaret A. Householder, and they became the parents of three sons and four daughters, the brothers of our subject being Ed. T., who is now living in Bremen, Ohio, and A. E., who is connected with the Ohio Transfer Company, of Columbus. The sisters of the family are Mrs. John J. McCandish; Mrs. William D. Ruff, who, like her other sisters, is living in Rush Creek township; and Kate and Emma Purvis, who are yet with their parents.

Born on the old family homestead and reared under the parental roof, James F. Purvis pursued his education in the common schools of the neighborhood and in the Fairfield Union Academy. He also received ample training at farm work and the lessons of industry and perseverance were instilled into his mind. In the year 1900 he came with his father to the city of New Lexington and joined him in the organization of the Purvis Milling Company. They





began this business in February, purchasing the old McClellan & Nixon mill on Water street, having a capacity of fifty barrels of flour per day. They manufacture flour of different grades, but make a specialty of the brand called "Our Pride," which has a very good sale, the enterprise meeting with creditable success.

James F. Purvis was united in marriage to Miss Dosie Deane, of Port Angeles, Washington, and they have one son, Thad-

deus Clemens, and one daughter, Margaret Deane. Mrs. Purvis is a great-great-granddaughter of Silas Deane, who was minister to France during the American Revolution. Both our subject and his wife have a wide acquaintance in New Lexington, although they have resided here for but a brief period, and the circle of their friends is constantly increasing. Mr. Purvis is known as a reliable and progressive business man and is a valued addition to the city.

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### J. I. DAVIS, M. D.

Among the medical practitioners of Perry county is numbered Dr. J. I. Davis, of Shawnee, whose practice here is quite extensive for one whose connection with the profession covers but seven years. He was born in Brookfield, Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1874, and came to Perry county with his parents, William E. and Elizabeth (Morris) Davis. His father was a native of South Wales and became identified with industrial interests in Perry county, Ohio. Here he became engaged in contracting and operating in iron ore, coal and clay, carrying on business on a very extensive scale. He died in June, 1900, at the age of sixty-eight years, and his wife passed away in 1898 at the age of sixty-three years. She was a native of Wales and both were of the highest respectability. They became the parents of twenty-one children, eleven of

whom are yet living and are residents of Shawnee. In the family were Edward, who is engaged in contracting in Shawnee; William W., a coal operator; Philip, who died at the age of twenty-four years; the Doctor; Gomer and Morgan, who are engaged in the clay and brick business; Ebenezer, who died at the age of twenty-one years; George A., who is superintendent of the store of the Congo Coal Company, at Modoc, Ohio; Thomas, who is in the clay and brick business; Margaret, the wife of Herbert Davis; Elizabeth, the wife of Alexander Humphrey; Abigail, the wife of Hays Parker; Ellen, the deceased wife of Frank Clark; and Ruth, the deceased wife of Jacob Scheuster.

Dr. Davis, of this review, pursued his preliminary education in the public schools of Ohio and afterward continued his studies



in the Ohio State University at Columbus. When he had acquired a good literary education to serve as the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge he began preparation for the practice of medicine and entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, and later was graduated at the Ohio Medical University, at Columbus, in the class of 1894. He was in the Protestant Hospital

on the house staff for one year and since 1895 he has lived in Shawnee, where he has built up a good practice. He has pursued a post-graduate course in Chicago at the West Side Post-Graduate College and in the New York Polyclinic. He is continually reading and studying in order to advance in his chosen profession, and his proficiency is now widely acknowledged, as is indicated by the liberal patronage accorded him.

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### HENRY HUMBERGER.

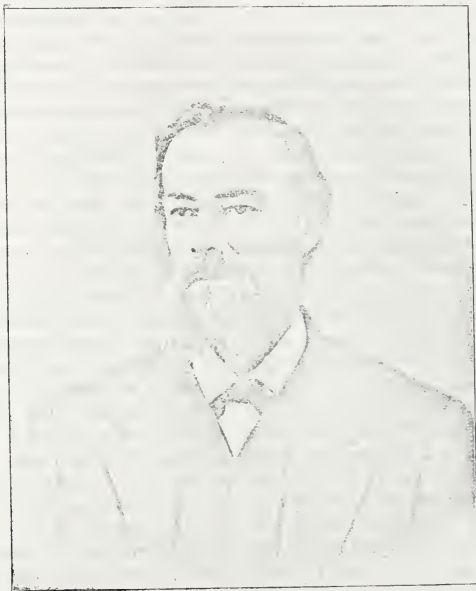
Henry Humberger, who is carrying on farming interests in Perry county, his home being in Thorn township, was born at the place of his present residence on section 26, his natal day being December 26, 1842. His parents were John and Mary Ann (Bassshore) Humberger. The family is of German lineage and the first American ancestors of our subject settled in Pennsylvania. Adam Humberger, an uncle of our subject, resided in Somerset and is said to have been the inventor of the revolving pistol, although he did not get the credit of his invention. He was also the first member of the Universalist church who ever secured the promise of a Methodist Episcopal minister to preach his funeral sermon and to tell the assembled congregation that he had died in the faith in which he had lived. He passed away in New Lexington and he was widely known as a prominent and honored

man. The father was born on section 35, Thorn township, Perry county, February 22, 1803, and on the 9th of October, 1828, he led to the marriage altar Miss Bassshore, whose birth occurred February 24, 1809. She was a daughter of Frederick Bassshore, who settled near Rushville, Richland township, Fairfield county, in 1803, coming to Ohio from Pennsylvania. He wedded Mary E. Keister. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bassshore were members of the Reformed Presbyterian church and the former died at the age of sixty-five years, while the latter passed away in her eightieth year. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Peter Humberger, who came to Perry county in 1802, his brothers, John and Henry, also locating with him in this county on section 35, Thorn township.

John Humberger, the father of our subject, resided on section 26, Thorn town-



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ship, and engaged in general farming and stock-raising until his death, which occurred when his son Henry was about three years of age. His widow long survived him and died about twenty years ago at the old home place, when seventy-four years of age. They, too, were consistent Christian people, belonging to the Lutheran church, in which Mr. Humberger served as a deacon. He voted with the Democracy, but never cared for office. In his family were ten children, six of whom are yet living: David, a resident farmer of Whitley county, Indiana; Frederick, who was a farmer of the same county and died there at the age of sixty-three; Mary Ann, the widow of Simon Long, and a resident of Tiffin, Ohio; Elizabeth, who acts as her brother Henry's housekeeper and is the widow of Lewis Rankin, of Kentucky; Peter, who was a farmer and died in Illinois at the age of thirty-five years; Margaret, who became the wife of Barnard Mechling, of Hopewell township, Perry county, and died in 1863; John, who is a minister of the Lutheran church in this state; Henry, the eighth in order of birth; George W., who died in Nebraska at about the age of fifty-six years; and Benjamin, who is a farmer and cattle raiser of Colorado. All of these children were born on the old homestead in Perry county.

Our subject remained on his father's farm until the breaking out of the Civil war, when with patriotic spirit he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Fifty-second Infantry. He had gone to that state on a visit and enlisted while there, serving until

the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged at Charleston, West Virginia. He participated in many skirmishes and after receiving an honorable discharge returned to his home in this county. He then purchased the old farm, upon which he has since resided and here he has made many improvements. The farm comprises one hundred and eighteen acres, of which he has sold eighteen acres. The land which he still owns is under a very high state of cultivation. He has remodeled the house in which he was born, a two-story brick dwelling, and it is now a very comfortable and attractive residence. He also built a new barn and has placed his place in an excellent state of improvement, successfully carrying on general farming and being recognized as one of the leading and successful agriculturists of his community.

On the 14th of April, 1867, Mr. Humberger wedded Miss Eliza Snyder, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Greenawalt) Snyder, early settlers of Thorn township, her father being a prominent farmer there. He died in that township at a very advanced age. Mrs. Humberger was born, reared and educated in that township and was a conscientious member of the Lutheran church. She died at her husband's home March 11, 1901, at the age of fifty-five years and the household thus mourned the loss of a devoted wife and a kind and loving mother. She had three children, all of whom still survive her. Mary is the wife of Benjamin Franklin Lutz, of Somerset, where he is engaged in the grocery business. He is a native of Hopewell township,





Perry county. They have five children, Edith, Floyd, Bessie, Evelyn and Ralph, all of whom were born in Somerset. Elva May, the second daughter of Mr. Humberger, is the wife of Samuel Binckley, a son of Aaron Binckley, a resident farmer of Reading township, and they have three children, Nellie, Gladys, and Robert. Oscar, the only son of our subject, is now sixteen years of age and resides upon the home farm, where all of the children were born.

In his political views Mr. Humberger is

a Democrat, while in religious faith he is a Lutheran. His life has ever been honorable and upright, and he is justly esteemed for his genuine worth. Mr. Humberger has seen many improvements made in Perry county, for his early recollections tell him that there was a large amount of wild land which he has seen developed into beautiful homes and farms. He is one of the men who have helped to make this a rich agricultural district, his efforts proving of great value to the community.

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### T. J. SMITH.

Connected with those names which advance commercial and industrial activity and promote progress, thus creating the history of the city, state and nation, Mr. Smith is well known in business circles. He now owns and conducts an electric light plant of New Lexington and his business affairs in addition to this cover a wide and important range. His paternal grandfather became one of the pioneer settlers of this portion of Ohio and from that time down to the present representatives of the family have taken an active part in business interests of the locality.

T. J. Smith, the father of our subject, was born in New Lexington and for thirty years prior to his death was an enterprising merchant here, conducting a grocery and general store, in which business he met with success. At the time of the Civil war he

offered his services to the government, enlisting in 1861 as a member of Company G, Sixty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years. He was a brave and loyal soldier, participating in many important battles and when his term was over he returned to his home with an honorable military record. He was engaged in a number of important business enterprises which helped to upbuild New Lexington. He was the vice-president of the Perry County Bank, which he aided in organizing. He was also vice-president of the Standard Brick Company of this place and built the opera house block here. He also laid out and built the town of Rendville, Perry county, and was engaged in real estate dealings there and in this city. His activity along business lines proved of widespread benefit and he belonged to that class



of representative American citizens who, while advancing individual success, also promote the general prosperity. He died in 1893 at the age of forty-seven years and the community mourned the loss of one of its most valued citizens. His wife was Miss Magdalene Fox and their only son is the subject of this review. Mrs. Smith is identified with business affairs here as a member of the firm of Smith & Duffy, carrying on the business which was established by her husband. She was a native of Hocking county, Ohio, and possesses excellent executive force and keen discernment in relation to business enterprises. By her marriage she became the mother of three children, the daughters being Mary F., the wife of Marc L. Duffy, of New Lexington, and Catherine E., at home.

T. J. Smith is one of the native citizens

of New Lexington. At the usual age he entered the public schools and continued his studies here until he had completed the high school course. He afterward became a student at Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, and in the Ohio State University, at Columbus. In the latter institution he studied electrical engineering and has since been connected with many electrical enterprises, including the establishment and control of telephone and electric light systems in different parts of the state. He is also the owner of a plant in this city and his machinery here and equipments of all kinds are modern and of the most improved workmanship. Mr. Smith is winning constant advancement in the line of his chosen pursuit and is already classed among the successful and prosperous men of his home town.

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### WILLIAM J. MORTAL.

William J. Mortal is the editor and owner of the Somerset Press, of Somerset, Ohio, and throughout his business career has been connected with journalism. He was born in Rushville, Fairfield county, Ohio, on the 16th of July, 1859, and is a son of Albert and Mary (Puller) Mortal. In the year 1858 the father of our subject located in Rushville, Ohio, while the Puller family came to this state from Virginia. One child only was born of the marriage of the parents of our subject.

William J. Mortal was educated in the public schools of Rushville and after putting aside his text books he there learned the printer's trade, following that pursuit in both Rushville and Lancaster. In 1881 he began business on his own account in the former town and afterward was located at Thornville. He then conducted a daily paper in Lancaster and was also the owner of a jobbing office there, both departments of his business bringing to him a good financial return. In 1893 he came to Somerset



and in 1895 purchased the Somerset Press, which he has developed into a successful paper having a circulation of about one thousand copies. This paper is largely given to the dissemination of news of general interest as well as matters of a local

nature. He is found on the side of progress, improvement and upbuilding and its owner is widely known as a public-spirited and enterprising man, who is the champion of every measure for the general good of his fellow men.

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### DAVID C. KING.

David C. King, who is living in Glenford, Perry county, is one of the best known citizens and wealthy farmers and stock-raisers of this portion of the state. He stands to-day among the successful men who owe their advancement largely to their own efforts and capable business methods. Mr. King was born in Thorn township, Perry county, on the 1st of June, 1828, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Whitmer) King. His father was born in Germany, but when a mere child was brought by his parents to America, the family being established in Thorn township. The mother of our subject was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. For some years after the birth of our subject Peter King resided upon a farm in Thorn township and afterward traded his property for the farm of one hundred and sixty acres now owned by his son David. He also received in exchange a saw and grist mill located on the stream near the farm, and at his new home Peter King spent his remaining days, devoting his attention to the operation of his

land and of his mills until a few years prior to his death, when he sold his mills. He was drafted for service in the war of 1812, just eight months after his marriage, and served under General William Henry Harrison until the close of hostilities, when he again resumed the farm work. He received from the government a quarter section of land in Seneca county, Ohio, in recognition of his army services. He also purchased large tracts of the government, these being Indian land in Wyandot county, Ohio. By his hard work, close attention to business, good, capable management Peter King accumulated a handsome competence and was widely known as a very successful man. In politics he was an old-line Whig and both he and his wife were devoted members of the Reformed church, of which he was an elder for a great many years. He was one of the leading members, laboring earnestly for the spiritual advancement of the congregation and contributing liberally to the support of the church. Unto him and his wife were born fourteen children. Sarah



became the wife of Michael Cotterman and both are now deceased. Catherine married John Smith and they too have passed away. Rebecca is the widow of Isaac Zartman and is living in Hopewell township, Perry county, at an advanced age. Lydia became the wife of Michael Fought, but both are now deceased. Susan is the deceased wife of Samuel Wiseman. Mary is the wife of Porter Cline and resides in Illinois. Solomon died at the age of nine years. Peter has also passed away. David C. is the next of the family. Leah became the wife of J. Alspaugh. Elizabeth is the wife of Samuel Alspaugh, of Thornville, Ohio. John C. and William are both deceased and Frank is living in Newark, Ohio. Peter King, the father, died at the age of seventy-five years, and he and his wife are now resting side by side in St. Paul's cemetery in Hopewell township.

When a boy David C. King entered the district schools of Hopewell township, but his educational privileges were very limited. When old enough he was put to work in his father's mill and upon the farm and thus his youth was a period of earnest and unremitting toil. At the age of twenty-two years he made preparation for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Margaret Mechling, the wedding being celebrated August 29, 1850. The lady is a native of Hopewell township, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mechling, both of whom are now deceased.

After his marriage Mr. King left the old homestead farm and for seven years lived upon the farm belonging to his father-

in-law, about two miles northwest of Glenford, in Hopewell township. In 1867 he purchased a farm of one hundred and forty acres west of Glenford, a distance of a half mile. There he lived until 1875, when he removed to the farm which he now occupies. This was formerly the home of his father, Peter King, and upon it our subject has since resided. His life has always been a busy and useful one. About 1862 he began raising Merino sheep and has continued the business since that time. He is a large breeder of sheep, having each winter from three hundred to five hundred head and being one of the leading representatives of this line of business in his portion of Ohio. His farm comprises one hundred and forty-five acres of rich and arable land and upon it he has fine buildings, including an attractive home and good buildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He has dealt extensively in real estate and has given each of his children a nice farm. His investments have been judiciously made and as the years have passed his sound business judgment has brought him very desirable success.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. King have been born four children, three daughters and one son: Sarah Rebecca, the wife of Frank Smith, a resident of Hopewell township; Mary Ellen, the wife of J. E. Murdock, also a resident of this township; Emma, who died in childhood; and D. H., who is a musician and also conducts a farm in Hopewell township, where he is extensively engaged in breeding sheep. He is a leader of the band in Glenford and is very popular in num-





sical circles of this locality. He married Sarah Fought and they have two children, Lolo and Claude.

Mr. King exercises his right of franchise in support of the Republican party. He voted a Democratic ticket prior to the Civil war, but since that time has never wavered in his allegiance to the party which stood as a defender of the Union and has ever favored the protection of American industries, sound money and the upholding of the flag on whatever soil it has been planted. He and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Reformed church, in which he has served as a deacon and elder for many years. They have traveled life's journey together for more than fifty-one years, sharing with each other the joys and sor-

rows, the adversity and prosperity which checker the careers of all. Their friends are many and wherever known they are held in high esteem for their many excellent traits of character. Mr. King certainly deserves great credit for what he has accomplished in life, starting out with few educational or other advantages, he has made the most of his opportunities and through diligence and enterprise has steadily worked his way upward to a most gratifying position. At all times he has so lived as to deserve and command the respect of those with whom he has been associated and his life record proves conclusively that success may be won through energy and diligence. Mr. King is one who advocates industrial activity and promotes progress.

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### LEVI SHRIDER.

Levi Shrider, one of the highly respected citizens of Perry county, residing on his farm in Thorn township, was born near Somerset, in Reading township, on the 16th of October, 1830, his parents being Peter and Elizabeth (Cotterman) Shrider. The former was also born in Reading township, and was a son of Frederick Shrider, who came to Ohio in 1809, from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. He was either born on the ocean while his parents were en route to the new world, or shortly after they took up their abode in Pennsylvania. His father

was also named Frederick and was born in Germany, coming to the new world just prior to the Revolutionary war. He was at once pressed into service here and was killed at the battle of Brandywine. Frederick Shrider was reared in the Keystone state and afterward emigrated to Ohio, entering land from the government near Somerset in Perry county, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, his death occurring shortly afterward when Peter Shrider, the father of our subject, was only nine months old. Peter Shrider was reared in Reading



township and continued to live there for many years. He learned the trade of wagon making, which he followed for thirty years and then abandoned that vocation, when he purchased a farm in Hopewell township, Perry county, where he made a home for himself and family, continuing the cultivation and improvement of his land throughout the remainder of his active business career. He died at the old homestead there when he was more than eighty-four years of age. He held membership in the Lutheran church and was a Democrat in his political views. He lived during the period of the old time state militia, and served as a lieutenant in an Ohio company. He was a very prosperous and progressive man, successful in his life work, owing his advancement entirely to his own efforts, for he was left without means. His life conduct proved the force of character, of industry and enterprise as applied to the active affairs of life. Both he and his wife were laid to rest in the cemetery of Reading township. In their family were twelve children, the subject of this review being the eldest. Nine of the number are yet living, four daughters and five sons, as follows: Levi; Juliann, the widow of Simon Swinhardt; Susan, the wife of Samuel Grant, of Somerset; Solomon, a resident of Reading township, Perry county; David, who resides in Thornville; William, a resident of Hopewell township, Perry county; George, who is living in the same township; Lou, the wife of John Edmunds, carries on agricultural pursuits in Thorn township, Perry county; and Jane, who is living in Hopewell township. Those who

have passed away are Lewis, John, and one who died in infancy.

Levi Shrider spent the days of his minority under the parental roof and gained his education in the subscription schools which were common at that time. He assisted his father upon the home farm and also in the wagon making trade in Reading township. He afterward removed to Hopewell township, remaining on a farm for about a year, after which he was married. He then followed wagon making in Reading township, devoting his attention to that business for a number of years, subsequently he worked at the carpenter's trade and with the capital he had acquired through his industry and economy he purchased a small farm in Reading township, continuing its cultivation for about five years. On the expiration of that period he sold the property and removed to his present farm on section 20, Thorn township, comprising one hundred and forty acres of rich land, all of which is now under a high state of cultivation. Nearly all of the improvements upon the property are the visible evidences of his life of industry and toil. Mr. Shrider erected a good substantial residence and all the necessary outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He placed his land in a condition where it brings forth a good harvest and now is successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising.

On the 24th of April, 1855, Mr. Shrider was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Anspauch, a daughter of John and Catherine Anspauch, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Shrider died February 7,



1867, leaving five children: William Hayden, the eldest, is a resident farmer of Thorn township. He was born March 3, 1857, and married Miss Alice Crist, by whom he has two children, Minta and Homer. Samuel Clinton, born April 3, 1859, is a machinist, residing in Newark, Ohio. He wedded Mary Stiner, and they have one child, Beulah. John Peter, born May 27, 1861, is an employe in the gas works of Newark, Ohio. He married Ida Crist, and their children are Guy, George and Jessie. David Edward, who resides in Columbus, Ohio, where he is engaged in the wholesale liquor business, was born February 17, 1863, and married Emma Binckley. Levi McClellan, born April 28, 1865, is engaged in clerking for his brother David in Columbus, Ohio. He married Bernice Haynes.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Shrider married Sarah Orr a daughter of Joseph and Harriet Orr. She was born in Licking county, Ohio, April 23, 1838, and died January 10, 1898. In the family were six children, all of whom are yet living, and Mrs. Shrider also had one child by her first marriage. She was the widow of Nicholas Beck when she became the wife of our subject. Her son Joseph Beck, was seven years of age at the time of her second marriage and was reared by Mr. Shrider. He resides in Thorn township and is a carpenter by trade. He also has a small farm there. He married Leah Foster and they have two children, Benjamin and Ernest. The children born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Shrider are Oswell, born in Read-

ing township, July 3, 1868, now follows farming in Thorn township. He married Emma Dunaway, a native of Fairfield county and a daughter of Newton Dunaway. They have one child, Wilbert. Estella, born April 28, 1870, is the wife of George Ruffner, who is engaged in farming and drilling gas wells, his home being in Fairfield county. They have four children: Fred, Mabel, Florence and Paul. Lewis Herman, who was born in Thorn township, June 27, 1872, married Bernice Garrett and resides in Franklin county, Ohio. Whitmer Arnold, born in Thorn township, February 23, 1874, resides upon the old home farm. Daisy Sedora, born August 9, 1876, is the wife of William Wolff, of Jackson township, Perry county, and their home is now in Lancaster, where Mr. Wolff is employed as a railroad man. They have one child, Ruth. Murray Frederick, the youngest child of Mr. Shrider's second marriage, was born December 5, 1879, and is employed in a shoe factory at Lancaster, Ohio. The mother of these children was a faithful member of the Lutheran church and lived an earnest Christian life.

For his third wife Mr. Shrider chose Mary Reaver, the widow of Henry Van Dyke and a daughter of Joseph Reaver, who became one of the early settlers of Perry county. He was a plasterer by trade and followed that business throughout his active life. Mrs. Shrider was born March 23, 1853, and is a most estimable lady, holding membership in the Methodist church. Both our subject and his wife are well known people of the community. They



reside in their pleasant home in Thorn township, Perry county, surrounded by all the comforts of life made possible through the earnest and untiring efforts of our subject and honored and respected by a large circle of acquaintances.

He is a Democrat in politics and has served as land appraiser to the township for two terms. For thirteen years he was a member of the school board and has also filled other public offices. He belongs to the Lutheran church and in that organization has served as deacon. Mr. Shridder has

witnessed many wonderful changes as the work of progress and improvement has been carried on in Perry county. During the period of his early recollection it was very wild but as time has passed man has wrought many improvements and this district of the state is now rich in fine farms and homes, prosperous towns and thriving business interests. In all the work of improvement he has borne his part as becomes a good citizen and the circle of his friends in this portion of the state is a very extensive one.

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### JOHN W. McDONALD.

John W. McDonald, superintendent of the county infirmary of Perry county and a man well known in this portion of the state, was born April 23, 1874, and is a son of James S. and Martha E. (McKinney) McDonald. His maternal grandfather was a boatman in early life and aided in the construction of the Hocking canal. Later he became a railroad contractor and was thus actively identified with the improvement and development of various sections of the country. The father of our subject was born in Muskingum county, Ohio and when five years of age became a resident of Pike township, Perry county.

Our subject spent his entire life in this county and has become widely acquainted and favorably known. His educational privileges were those afforded in the Oak-

wood school district, supplemented by a year's attendance at the high school of New Lexington. After putting aside his textbooks and entering upon life's practical duties in the fields of business he became the owner of a livery stable in New Lexington, which he conducted for two years. At the age of sixteen years he began teaching and was thus connected in the district schools for about ten years, proving a capable educator. He had the ability to impart readily and clearly to others the knowledge he had acquired. Since January, 1901, he has occupied his present position as superintendent of the county infirmary and his labors in this office have made his course one highly satisfactory to the general public.

On the 24th of August, 1899, Mr. Mc-





Donald was united in marriage to Miss Clara H. Moore, a daughter of Samuel and Martha Moore, of Milligan. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have one daughter, Nellie C. Our subject and his wife have a large circle of friends in this portion of the state and

are held in high regard by their many friends. In the public office which he is filling Mr. McDonald has displayed marked ability, ever striving to serve the best interests of the public, and is known as a trustworthy and honorable gentleman.

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### A. E. FAINE.

The name of Mr. Faine is closely interwoven with the business history of New Straitsville, where he is acting as general manager for the W. R. Calkins Hardware & Lumber Company, having made his home here since 1883, covering a period of almost twenty years. Mr. Faine is a native of Lawrence county, Ohio, and a son of J. C. and Sarah A. (Rawlins) Faine, who also removed to New Straitsville in 1883. The father was born in Virginia, now West Virginia, and belonged to one of the pioneer families of that portion of the country. On the Rawlins side the family can be traced back to an ancestry of colonial days. One of the representatives of the family served on the staff of General Washington in the war of the Revolution.

A. E. Faine, of this review, came with his parents to New Straitsville in 1883 and here continued his education, completing his course by graduation in the high school of this city with the class of 1892. He afterward turned his attention to educational work and was engaged in teaching in the

grammar school department for four years. In 1896, however, he turned his attention to business interests and entered the hardware and lumber business of W. R. Calkins, at Hemlock, also the owner of the stores at Corning and Crooksville. Eventually the Corning store was sold and the stock at Crooksville was taken to New Straitsville and the Hemlock store was closed. Mr. Calkins, as a member of the firm of W. R. Calkins & Company, is engaged in merchandising in Columbus, Ohio, and at New Lexington, under the firm name of W. R. Calkins & Son. He has a patent on a gas stove which is manufactured at Columbus and is also engaged in the manufacture of sheet iron ware at New Lexington. Mr. Faine is in charge of the business at New Straitsville and is carefully controlling the same, his enterprise and good management resulting in bringing to him creditable success.

In 1896 Mr. Faine was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Calkins, the eldest daughter of W. R. Calkins, who formerly



resided at New Straitsville but is now living at New Lexington. At one time he served as treasurer of the county and is widely known as a prominent and enterprising man. His business interests are extensive and prove of benefit to the community by the promotion of commercial activity. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Faine have been born three children: Cecil, Uarda and Cyril.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Faine is a Mason, belonging to New Straitsville Lodge, No. 484, F. & A. M., and New Lexington Chapter, No. 149, R. A. M. He has recently established the New Straits-

ville Record which he is editing and into which he entered for the sole purpose of developing the great natural resources of the town. In this enterprise he is associated with Hiram Campbell, a practical business man. Mr. Faine is also the agent for the Corning Natural Gas Company at New Straitsville and superintends its affairs here. In politics he is a Republican and for the past seven years has taken an active part in Perry county politics. In business he has achieved success through honorable effort, untiring industry and capable management and in private life he has gained many warm personal friends.

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### J. E. POWELL.

Through almost a decade J. E. Powell has been a practitioner at the bar of New Lexington and has already won a degree of success that many an older member of the legal fraternity might well envy. He is a native of Hocking county, Ohio, born in 1871, and his father, John Powell, was also a native of that county, where the grandfather, Samuel Powell, had located in pioneer days. He became an active factor in the substantial improvement and development of that locality and erected what was known as the Powell Mills, five in number, on Sunday and Monday creeks. The father of our subject was a soldier in the Civil war at the time when the north and south took

the field as enemies because the one wished to overthrow the Union and the other to preserve it. John Powell joined the northern forces and served with the Thirty-first Ohio Regiment until he was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga and rendered unfit for further military duty.

J. E. Powell, of this review, acquired his early education in the common schools of Reading township, later continued his studies in New Lexington and afterward was a student in Delaware, Ohio. When his literary course was complete he resolved to take up the study of law. As a preparation for a life work he entered the law department of the Ohio State University at



Columbus. Successfully passing his examinations he was admitted to the bar in December, 1893, and at once opened his office at New Lexington. In the meantime, however, he had been engaged in teaching school at Glenford for two years and had been a law student in the office of Ferguson & Johnson, of New Lexington, so that he had thereby gained a practical knowledge of the working of the courts. Entering upon his practice he showed that he had gained a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence. Professional advancement in the law is proverbially slow, but the first element of success is a persistency of purpose, an effort as untiring as the force of gravity. Possessing these qualities and preparing his cases with marked care, Mr. Powell has steadily advanced until he now occupies a very creditable position at the bar and is to-day enjoying a distinctive representative clientage.

Mr. Powell was united in marriage to Miss Julia Baird, a daughter of Joseph I.

Baird, formerly of New Straitsville but now of Junction City. Her people were of an old family in this county and one widely and favorably known. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Powell has been blessed with two children: Harold and Marion. Fraternally Mr. Powell is connected with the Masonic order, in which he has attained to the degree of Knight Templar. He was elected prosecuting attorney for Perry county, in which office his service has been most beneficial. He prosecuted the robbers of the Somerset Bank and succeeded in convicting them. Six in number, they were all noted criminals, and as a result of Mr. Powell's vigorous prosecution they were sent to the penitentiary to serve for terms of from eight to ten years. Our subject is yet a young man, but he possesses laudable ambition, strong determination and keen mentality, and these are qualities which always insure success in professional life. His practice is already extensive and of an important character.

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## ELIAS ROUSCULP.

Elias Rousculp, a well known resident of Reading township, Perry county, was born in this county on the 24th of July, 1833, in Hopewell township, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Brocius) Rousculp. The father was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, as was his wife, and

there they remained until after their marriage. Both were of German lineage. The grandfather of our subject loyally served his country in the war of 1812. In the year 1815 Jacob Rousculp emigrated westward and took up his abode in Hope v'l township, Perry county, where he followed farm-



ing through at his remaining days. He was quite successful in all his work in this direction and as the years passed his labors brought to him creditable success. He was well liked by all who knew him, for he possessed many sterling traits of character. Both he and his wife have now passed away, their remains having been interred in the St. Paul cemetery, in Hopewell township. They held membership in the Lutheran church and were consistent members of the same and good Christian people. Mr. Rousculp served as a deacon and elder in his church for a number of years. In his political views he was a Whig.

Unto him and his wife were born twelve children, six sons and six daughters. Margaret became the wife of Daniel Ridenour, both of whom are now deceased. Mary is the wife of William Stalter, both of whom are now living in Hopewell township. Anna died in childhood. Levi resides in Allen county, Ohio. Elias is the fifth in order of birth. Martha is the deceased wife of Samuel Lentz. Noah died at home when serving as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the Union army. William, now deceased, was a member of the same regiment. Elizabeth is the wife of Bernard Swinehart, a resident of Hopewell township. Emma is the deceased wife of Aaron Albert, and Malancthon has also passed away.

Elias Rousculp received but limited educational privileges, attending the district schools in Hopewell township through the winter months and throughout the remainder of the year he assisted his father in

the work of the home farm. He lived at home with his father until after the Civil war was inaugurated. In May, 1863, prompted by a spirit of patriotism he enlisted at Somerset, Ohio, as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Sixtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out in September of the same year at Zanesville. After his return from the war he remained upon the old home farm until 1866, when he was married and established a home of his own.

In that year Mr. Rousculp was united in marriage to Miss Martha Irene Church, a native of Reading township and a daughter of David and Mary Church, both of whom are now deceased. After their marriage our subject and his wife removed to Pleasantville, Fairfield county, where he remained until 1868. He then purchased his present farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres in the northern part of Reading township, Perry county, where he now resides. Here he carries on general farming and stock-raising, and his methods are practical and progressive, as is evidenced by the excellent condition of his place. His well tilled fields return to him a good income and as the years pass he is maintaining a place among the substantial and respected residents of his community.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Rousculp has been blessed with nine children: Ida became the wife of Owen Ridenour, a resident of Hopewell township, and they have four children, Carl A., Nellie Florence, Edgar Ray and Martha Grace. Mary is the wife of Elmer Cotterman, of Hopewell





township, and they have five sons, Renan Guy, Homer Ray, Charles Lester, William Roy and Miran Oscar. William is living in Oregon. David, a resident of Hopewell township, married Florence Chalfant, and they have two children, Alfred Chalfant and Helen Fern. The younger members of the family are Albert, Emma, Ella and Blanche, all at home. Oscar, who was the seventh in order of birth, is deceased.

In his political views Mr. Rouseulp has long been an earnest Republican, having firm faith in the principles and policy of the

party. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church and he is serving as one of the elders of St. Paul's church in Somerset. He takes an active interest in promoting the cause of Christianity and as a citizen has co-operated in many movements for the general good along the lines of progress and improvement. He has always lived in Perry county, and that many of his staunchest friends are numbered among those who have known him from boyhood is an indication that his has been an honorable and upright career.

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### CHARLES J. E. LAUTENSCHLAGER.

Charles J. E. Lautenschlager, a well known resident of Glenford, Hopewell township, Perry county, and one whose efforts in behalf of right of moral development and of Christianity have been a potent influence in the affairs of the community in which he has lived, is pastor of St. Paul's and the Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran church of the joint synod of Ohio and other states. He was born in Owen county, Indiana, on the 15th of March, 1869, and is a son of the Rev. J. F. Lautenschlager, who was also a Lutheran minister. His mother bore the maiden name of Leah Cobel, and both are now deceased.

Amid the refining influences of a good Christian home Mr. Lautenschlager of this review was reared, and the careful training of his parents left its impress for good upon

his life. Fortunate is the man who has back of him an honorable ancestry and happy is he if his lines of life are cast in harmony therewith. In person, in talents and in character Mr. Lautenschlager is a worthy representative of his race. He began his education in the district schools of Owen county, Indiana, but desiring to further perfect his knowledge he afterward entered the Capital University at Columbus, Ohio, in the year 1892, and was graduated in 1896 on the completion of full classical course, being selected valedictorian by a class of sixteen. He then took a three years' course in theology in the same university and was graduated in 1899, whereupon he was ordained to the ministry and followed a call which he had received some months previous to Glenford, Ohio. He had de-



terminated to devote his life to this holy calling and his first pastorate is the one of which he is still in charge—the churches of St. Paul's and Good Hope. He is laboring untiringly, earnestly and with steadfast purpose in his efforts to spread the gospel and uplift mankind and his labors are not without desirable results. He is a young man of strong intellectuality, of broad reading and of marked consecration. The two churches of which he has charge are situated about three and one-half miles apart and have a combined membership of three hundred and fifty. The various societies and departments of the churches are now in good working order and Mr. Lauten-

schlager deserves great credit for what he has already accomplished here in the way of extending the influence of the church and promoting its efficiency.

On the 29th of June, 1899, Charles J. E. Lautenschlager was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Emma Elsass, a native of Waynesburg, Ohio, and they have two children, Emma Esther and Paul Elsass. Our subject and his wife are one in their efforts to advance the cause of Christianity among their fellow men and both are well known and highly esteemed not only among the people of their own denomination but among the representatives of other churches as well.

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### C. W. KING.

On the roster of county officials in Perry county appears the name of C. W. King, who is filling the position of sheriff and makes his home in New Lexington. He was born in Morgan county, Ohio, and is a son of J. S. and Octavia J. (Clayton) King. His father was a native of Pennsylvania and when a boy came to Ohio with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John King, who located in Morgan county at an early day. In the year 1869 J. S. King brought his family to Perry county, settling in Bearfield township, where they resided upon a farm until 1891, when they removed to Oakfield. Mr. King is there living a retired life at the

present time. He was long connected with agricultural pursuits and is now resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

C. W. King, of this review, was only a year old when he was brought by his parents to Perry county, and in the public schools of Bearfield township he pursued his education, continuing his studies in the high school of New Lexington. He afterward engaged in teaching school for three years in this county and then turned his attention to different business interests. He has been quite active in political circles since attaining his majority and endorses the men and



measures of the Republican party. Called to public office by his fellow townsmen, who recognized his worth and ability, he served for one year as assessor and for two terms was treasurer of Monroe township. In 1900 he was elected sheriff of the county and entered upon the duties of the office which he is now discharging without fear or favor.

In this county Mr. King was joined in wedlock to Miss Clara Wallace, a daughter of William Wallace, now deceased, who

formerly lived in Pleasant township and was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. Unto Mr. and Mrs. King has been born one son, Lloyd Dwight. Mr. King having spent almost his entire life in this county, is widely known and the traits of his character are such as win him the good will and confidence of those with whom he has been associated. He is now regarded as a popular and efficient officer, his name inspiring confidence in all law-abiding citizens.

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### AARON BINCKLEY.

Among the well known residents of Reading township is Aaron Binckley, who was born November 7, 1835, upon the farm which he now occupies. He is a son of David and Nancy (Beachler) Binckley and a representative of one of the old families of the county. His father was born upon the same farm. The grandfather, Adam Binckley, was a son of Christian Binckley, who came from Maryland to Ohio in 1801. In 1798 he had visited this locality and then returned to Maryland after entering about two sections of land, a part of which lay in Fairfield county, while the remainder is in Perry county. He then spent about three years in Maryland, and in 1801 brought his family to Perry county, Ohio. That year he built a log cabin near the present attractive residence of our subject.

This was the first permanent settlement made in Perry county. The name of Binckley is thus inseparably interwoven with the history of this portion of the state. The first trip which Christian Binckley made was on horseback and he traveled over roads that lay through deep forests and even had to make his way where there was no road at all. His children were John, Jacob, Henry, Christian and Adam. The last named was the youngest of the family. Christian Binckley died in 1832, at the age of ninety-four years. He was buried in the old churchyard which had been given by him to the people of the neighborhood in which he lived in 1825.

Adam Binckley, the grandfather of our subject, married Miss Anspach, who belonged to an old family of that name which



was established here about 1804. He was a very highly educated man for his day. He served as the first commissioner of Perry county and was a major in the war of 1812, serving under General Harrison at the siege of Fort Meigs. He filled the office of justice of the peace for several years and in 1818 became county commissioner at the time of the organization of the county. He died in 1861, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. In his family were six children: Samuel; David, the father of our subject; Nancy, the wife of William Clum; Christian; Mary, the wife of Michael Miller; and John. Adam Binckley, the father of this family, was a Democrat in his political views and took an active and earnest interest in political affairs. He was a member of the Reformed church and did everything in his power to advance the cause of Christianity. He owned a section of land here and divided it among his children.

David Binckley, the father of our subject, received but limited educational privileges, but had a bright and retentive mind and became well informed. He always lived upon the farm where his birth occurred and there he died in 1863, at the age of fifty-five years. He held membership in the Reformed church, and cast his last presidential vote for the Union candidate, John Bell. In his business affairs he prospered and accumulated four hundred acres of land in Perry and Fairfield counties. In his family were nine children: Albion, Marion, Aaron, Thomas, Warner, William, Mary Ellen, William and Le Roy. Our subject and Le Roy are the only ones now

living, the latter making his home in Bremen, Ohio.

For about three terms Aaron Binckley pursued his education in a select school in Somerset, but otherwise acquired his school discipline in the district schools. At the age of seventeen years he went to Allen county, Ohio, where he engaged in teaching school, making his home there for eight months. He began the study of medicine but decided to abandon his plan of becoming a physician. He made his home for a time upon the old family homestead but could not stand the confinement of the work. Until 1873 he rented land, when he fell heir to a part of his father's property. He then purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead, comprising two hundred acres of valuable land. Since that time he has fenced the land. The buildings have all been erected by our subject with the exception of the old barn which was built by his father in 1839. This he has remodeled and nothing but the frame of the old barn is left.

In 1859 Mr. Binckley was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Boyer, a native of Thorn township. At that time Mr. Binckley was engaged in teaching. Eight children have been born of this marriage: William, who wedded Susan Vogle, resides in Fairfield county. Emma is the wife of David Shrider, a resident of Lancaster, Ohio. Mary is at home. Samuel, who lives near our subject, married Elva Humberger, by whom he has three children, Nellie, Gladys and Robert. Dora Alice is the wife of Edward Handy, a resi-





dent of Thorn township, and they have five children—Beulah, Clifford, Grace, Chester and Mabel. Louisa is the wife of Harry Lamb, a resident of Lancaster, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Leila B. Leefa is deceased. David, who resides at home, married Zema Moorehead and they have one child.

Mr. Binckley now owns about three hundred acres of land in Perry and Fairfield counties. In his political views he is a Democrat and for twenty-one years was

justice of the peace of Reading township. He holds membership in the Lutheran church, of which he has served as trustee. For many years he successfully carried on general farming and stock-raising, but now he is living a retired life and his rest is well merited and richly deserved, for in former years he was a very active and energetic man. He belongs to one of the old and honored families of the county and his life has ever been in harmony with the unsullied family reputation.

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### JUDGE MAURICE H. DONAHUE.

The legal profession demands not only a high order of ability but a rare combination of talent, learning, tact, patience and industry. The successful lawyer and the competent judge must be a man of well balanced intellect, thoroughly familiar with the law and practice, of comprehensive general information, possessed of an analytical mind and a self control that will enable him to lose his individuality, his personal feelings, his prejudices and his peculiarities of disposition in the dignity, impartiality and equity of the office to which life, property right and liberty must look for protection. Possessing these qualities, Judge Maurice H. Donahue merits the high honor which was conferred upon him by his election to the circuit court of the fifth Ohio circuit.

The Judge was born in Monroe town-

ship, this county, on the 10th of May, 1863. His paternal grandfather was a son of Maurice Donahue, who owned a large estate in Carricknacurra, Ireland. Herbert Donahue, his eldest son, involved this estate and the grandfather of our subject came to America with his family owing to these reverses. The family name was originally O'Donoghue and the old estate had been in possession of the family for many generations. Maurice Donahue, the father of our subject, was born at Carrieknacurra, Ireland. He was a stone mason and contractor and with his brother John had most of the stone contracts on the Muskingum river improvements. He married Miss Louisa O'Neill, a daughter of Patrick O'Neill, who married Christina Austenberg, a member of a wealthy German family and a native of the



fatherland. On completing her education Mrs. O'Neill went with her brother, who was the owner and captain of a vessel, upon a voyage around the world. In New York she met Patrick O'Neill, who had just come from Ireland. It was almost a case of love at first sight, and the young people plighting their troth were married. Mrs. O'Neill accompanied her husband to his home in Philadelphia, where he became a very prosperous and prominent man. He owned extensive coal mines at Nelsonville, but after successfully operating his mines for a time he met with reverses in the east and came to Perry county, Ohio, locating upon a farm in Monroe township. After her father had met with financial reverses, Mrs. Donahue, his daughter, engaged in teaching school in Monroe township. She had acquired a superior education in Philadelphia and was therefore well prepared for such a work. Mr. Donahue, the father of our subject, died March 10, 1863, and his wife passed away February 4, 1902. They left one son besides our subject, namely, Charles A. Donahue, who was educated in the schools of this county and is now a member of the firm of Donahue & Spencer; and one daughter, Mary, who is married and resides in Kansas. Two children, Laurence and Tena, died shortly after reaching maturity.

Judge Donahue, of this review, has spent his entire life in Perry county and pursued his literary education in the public schools. At the age of sixteen years he began teaching school, which profession he followed for five years, being superintendent of the Corning public schools two years

of that time. When seventeen years of age he took up the study of law under the tutorship of A. H. Ward, formerly of Perry county. Having been admitted to the bar at Columbus in 1884 he located for practice in Corning, this county, and in 1887 was elected prosecuting attorney of the county, filling the position so capably that he was re-elected in 1890. He then removed to New Lexington, where he discharged the duties of the office in addition to the superintendence of a large private practice. He became a member of the firm of Donahue & Donahue, and later Donahue, Spencer & Donahue, the partners being Charles A. and Maurice H. Donahue and Judge C. E. Spencer. Since the elevation of our subject to the circuit bench the firm is Donahue & Spencer. In 1900 our subject was elected judge of the circuit court and is now serving on the bench.

In 1889 was celebrated the marriage of Judge Donahue and Miss Martina Johnson, a daughter of J. J. Johnson, president of the Perry County Bank, of New Lexington, who has also been quite prominent in public affairs, serving for two terms as county sheriff and for a similar period as county treasurer. Unto the Judge and his wife were born two children: Zita and Pauline, but the latter died at the age of eleven months.

In connection with his practice Judge Donahue has also been active in the control of important enterprises in this portion of the state. He is now the president of The Coyle Coal Company, operating mines at Nugentville, Ohio, and is also president of



The Bear Run Coal Company. He is likewise president of the Board of Trade of New Lexington. In politics he is a Democrat and is a member of the Catholic church. The practice of law has been his real life work and at the bar as well as on the bench he has won marked distinction. A man of unimpeachable character, of unusual intellectual endowments, with a thorough under-

standing of the law, patience, urbanity and industry. Judge Donahue took to the bench the very highest qualifications for the most responsible office of the state government and his record as a judge has been in harmony with his record as a man and a lawyer, distinguished by unswerving integrity and a masterful grasp of every problem which has presented itself for solution.

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### THOMAS B. WILLIAMS.

Thomas B. Williams is one of the younger members of the Perry county bar who has attained distinction and success that many an older professional man might well envy. He has served as prosecuting attorney of the county and is now enjoying a distinctively representative clientage as a member of the legal fraternity of New Lexington. Mr. Williams is a native of Pomeroy, Ohio, where his birth occurred January 5, 1870, his parents being Benjamin and Elizabeth (Johnson) Williams, both of whom were natives of Wales, whence they came to the new world in 1863, taking up their abode in Niles, Ohio, whence they removed to Pomeroy and afterward went to New Straitsville, Perry county, Ohio. The father was a miner by occupation and his wages were barely sufficient to provide the necessities of life for his family without giving them any special advantages.

From an early age Thomas B. Will-

iams has been dependent upon his own efforts. Before he was ten years of age he began work in the mines and followed that pursuit whenever there was work to do until after he had graduated from the public schools. He attended school in Pomeroy and in New Straitsville and at length was graduated in the high school at the latter place in the class of 1889. He then continued to work in the mines until he had acquired capital sufficient to enable him to pursue his legal studies, for he had determined to make the practice of law his life work. He thus early showed forth the elementary strength of his character and his strong purpose and untiring energy have been salient features in his career, as he has steadily progressed toward success. He has earned his daily bread from childhood and has not only achieved a good, liberal education but also prepared for the bar and won his degree in the Cincinnati Law School, in which he was



graduated with the class of 1892. He then took up the practice of law, at once opening an office in New Straitsville, where within a short period he has already gained recognition as a lawyer of ability, manifesting his proficient knowledge of law and his ready application of legal principles by the way in which he conducted the legal business entrusted to his care. In the fall of 1893 he was elected prosecuting attorney for Perry county and after practicing for eighteen months at New Straitsville he removed to New Lexington, where he has since remained. He discharged his official duties with such ability and promptness that he was re-elected for a second term in 1896, and upon his retirement from the office he resumed the private practice of law and now has a large clientele.

In the year 1893 Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Griffith, a native of Wales, and a daughter of David D. Griffith, of Whiting, Indiana. They now have two interesting children: Elbert and

Margaret. Our subject and his wife have a large circle of friends in New Lexington and enjoy the regard of those with whom they have been brought in contact. Fraternally Mr. Williams is connected with the Masonic order, with the Knights of Pythias and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his political views he is a Republican and has been an active and helpful member of the county committee. He has served as a member of the city council of New Lexington and in the discharge of his official duties has manifested capability and trustworthiness that has won for him the highest esteem. Mr. Williams has accomplished much in life, although he is but a young man. Dependent upon his own resources for a living from an early age, he has watched his opportunities, has made the most of his advantages and as the years have passed has steadily progressed until he now occupies a most creditable and honorable position as a citizen and as a member of the bar.

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### PETER P. MECHLING.

The Mechling family is one well known in Perry county. It was established here about a century ago and from that time until the present representatives of the name have been loyal and active in citizenship and reliable and progressive in business affairs. The subject of this review is the youngest son of Samuel and Magdalena

(Poorman) Mechling. He was born in Hopewell township, May 16, 1847. His father was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, born on the 4th of December, 1804, and was a son of Jacob and Mary, who were also natives of Westmoreland county. The mother of our subject was born in the southern part of Hopewell





township and was a daughter of Bernard and Elizabeth Poorman. On the 24th of April, 1824, she gave her hand in marriage to Samuel Mechling and unto them were born six children: Simon P., who was born May 10, 1835, died February 3, 1860; Bernard, born April 21, 1837, died April 17, 1896; Hannah, born November 26, 1839, died January 27, 1842; Daniel, born April 8, 1842, died March 11, 1846; Eliza, born July 3, 1844, is the wife of Simon Rarick and resides in Thornville, Ohio; and Peter P. is the youngest of the family. Samuel Mechling received but limited educational privileges, pursuing his studies in an old log school house common at that time, but through his industry and enterprise as a farmer he became a very successful man. In his political views he was a Democrat, and both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and took an active interest in church work. He passed away in 1849, at the age of forty-five years, when our subject was about twenty-two months old. His wife died February 24, 1892, at the age of seventy-seven years, and both are interred in St. Paul's cemetery in Hopewell township. Samuel Mechling was a man of marked worth, his character was ever beyond reproach and in his business dealings he was ever just and honorable. He so managed his business interests that as the years passed he gained a comfortable competence, being one of the prosperous and successful farmers of the community.

Peter P. Mechling obtained his education in the district schools of Hopewell

township and in the high school of Somerset, Ohio, which he attended for a short time. He always remained with his mother until his marriage, which important event in his life occurred on the 8th of December, 1872, the lady of his choice being Miss Frances Orr, a daughter of Hiram and Mary Orr, who were natives of Bowling Green township, Licking county, Ohio, and are now residents of Illinois. After his marriage Mr. Mechling removed to his present farm, which adjoins the farm upon which he was born, and there he began life in a log house, but he now has a large and attractive residence, which is indicative of the prosperous career which he has led. The brick was burned upon the farm and the house was erected in 1877. He also built commodious barns and made other excellent improvements upon his place, which shows that he is a man of progressive and practical ideas. He owns three hundred and forty acres of rich and arable land, which is devoted to general farming and stock-raising. He makes a specialty of the raising of hogs and cattle for the market and his sale of these annually increases his income to a gratifying extent.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Mechling has been blessed with five children: Hiram Orval, born August 22, 1873, is a druggist at Thornville, Ohio; Rosella, born December 19, 1874, died on the 25th of October, 1883; Bertha Edith, born January 17, 1878, married William H. Walser, and is living in Hopewell township; Frank D. and Fred S., twins, born June 13, 1882, are at home. Mr. Mechling and his family are



members of the Lutheran church, of which he served as trustee for a time. In politics he is a Democrat and for eleven years has served as treasurer of Hopewell township, while at the present time he is filling the office of justice of the peace. He has ever discharged his official duties with promptness and fidelity and his public career has therefore gained him commendation and respect. In his business affairs Mr. Meebling has prospered from year to year, and his

life stands as an exemplification of what can be accomplished through determined purpose when guided by sound practical judgment. Starting out upon his business career with small capital he has steadily advanced and is to-day the owner of two of the finest farms of his township, their well tilled fields, good buildings and rich meadow land all being indicative of the progressive and enterprising spirit of the owner.

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### EDWIN S. CULVER.

For some time Edwin S. Culver, now a resident of Glouster, Ohio, occupied the important position of general buyer and head bookkeeper for the Columbus & Hocking Coal & Iron Company at New Straitsville, operating mine No. 3 at this place. In that position he had the supervision of four hundred men and controlled the operations of the iron furnaces. He enjoyed in an unqualified degree the confidence of the company which he represented and was well worthy of its trust.

The Culver family, to which our subject belongs, is of English Puritan ancestry, the line of descent being traced back to the Mayflower. From Connecticut representatives of the family came to Ohio in 1796 and established a home at Marietta. One of these was Reuben Culver, the grandfather of our subject, who became identified with

pioneer life in the Buckeye state and aided in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present development and prosperity of this commonwealth. He married Olive Buell, a daughter of Timothy Buell, who served as an officer in the militia in an early day, participating in the battle of Stonington during the Revolutionary war. Cromwell B. Culver, the father of our subject, was born in Ohio January 15, 1803, and after arriving at years of maturity he married Sarah J. Perry, a daughter of Peter Perry, who was born in Franklin county, Ohio, where for many years he made his home. He was an uncle of Commodore Perry, who won fame in the naval battle of Lake Erie, and whose famous message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours," has become a matter of history.

Edwin S. Culver, of this review, was



born in the old town of Gore, in Hocking county, Ohio, March 21, 1856. He was there reared and educated, also pursuing his studies to some extent in Logan, Ohio. In May, 1879, he entered the employ of the Thomas Iron Works Company, with which he remained until the 1st of March, 1883, when he became connected with the Columbus & Hocking Coal & Iron Company as its chief clerk. At New Gore he was justice of the peace and postmaster while residing there, thus taking an active part in public affairs as well as in business life. In 1885 he removed to Buchtel, in the employ of the same company, continuing at that place until 1893; when he came to New Straitsville to accept the position of general buyer and head bookkeeper for the Columbus & Hocking Coal & Iron Company. Much responsibility rested upon him and he was fully equal to the task and controlled the extensive business interests here in a manner that brought prosperity to the company and at the same time enabled the corporation to pay him a good salary.

In the county of his nativity Mr. Culver was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Ben-

nett, a daughter of Daniel and Sarah A. (Lentz) Bennett. The Lentz family came from Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, to Ohio in pioneer times and in 1853 Daniel Bennett removed from Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, to Hocking county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Culver have been born four children: Thea Edith, born September 15, 1885; Cromwell B., born December 27, 1887; Edwin Germaine B., born July 11, 1892; and Margaret C., born August 3, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Culver have a wide circle of friends in this locality and the hospitality of the best homes of New Straitsville was extended to them during their residence here. Here Mr. Culver served as notary public. He is a well known and valued member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter and council. He is largely a self-made man, who, without pecuniary or other advantages to assist him at the outset of his career, has steadily worked his way upward. He had a laudable ambition to attain something better in life and has steadily advanced to a prominent position in the commercial circles of the state.

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### WILLIAM SNIDER.

William Snider is closely associated with the business interests of Perry county and of southeastern Ohio as a representative of industrial circles. He owns and operates five sawmills and two planing

mills, and in the conduct of these enterprises is meeting with excellent success, his business also proving of benefit to the community. It has been said that the man who pays over his counters each week a



large sum of money to workmen does more for his country than he who leads an armed host forth to battle. Employing men in his mill, Mr. Snider is thus contributing to the general prosperity and at the same time is winning for himself gratifying and creditable success.

Mr. Snider was born February 20, 1856, in Clayton township, Perry county, a son of Peter and Eleanor (Dean) Snider. His father was born in Maryland in 1816 and was a son of Nicholas Snider, who about 1818 removed from Maryland to Ohio, entering land from the government one mile north of Somerset, in Reading township. This he cleared and improved, developing there a good farm, upon which he spent his remaining days. His son, Peter Snider, was reared here amid pioneer conditions, became familiar with the work of field and meadow in early youth and after attaining man's estate he purchased land in Clayton township, whereon he made his home until 1886, when he removed to Somerset and spent his remaining days in honorable retirement from labor. He died in 1891, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife was a daughter of Samuel Dean, a resident of Clayton township. She died in 1900, at the age of seventy-four years. In their family were four brothers who are still living and four who have passed away, and of the five sisters one is now deceased. Samuel, the eldest, a lumber merchant of Columbus, Ohio; Jacob, deceased; Joseph J., of Logan, Ohio, who owns and operates a large Lext wood works and is also the owner of ten sawmills; William, of this re-

view; Thomas J., who is associated with his brother William in business as manager of his sawmill at Zanesville; Austin, Alfred and Nicholas, all deceased; Mary, the wife of Joseph Stalter, of Logan, Ohio; Mrs. Arthur McNally, who lived in Somerset but has now passed away; Mrs. Elizabeth Beaver, of Somerset; Mrs. John Maher and Mrs. Amon Miller, both of Somerset.

In the schools of Clayton township the subject of this review was educated, and when a young man he became connected with the lumber business, which has been to him a profitable field of labor. His career has been remarkably successful, chiefly by reason of his natural ability and his thorough insight into the business in which as a young tradesman he embarked. His strict integrity, business conservatism and judgment have been so universally recognized that he has enjoyed public confidence to an enviable degree, and naturally this has brought to him an extensive patronage, his sales of lumber extending throughout the southern portion of Ohio. His brothers-in-law, Henry D. and James M. Flautt, are connected with him in the planing mill business, each having owned a third interest in the two planing mills since 1894.

In Somerset was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Snider and Miss Bertha Flautt, a daughter of Joseph Flautt, who came from Maryland to Ohio in 1830. Their children are Mary Blanch, Bertha Eleanor, Martha, Zita, Lauretta, William, Rose and Grace. The family are communi-





cants of the Holy Trinity Catholic church. Mr. Snider is interested in all movements for the advancement of the community along social, material, intellectual and moral lines and has co-operated in many movements for the public good. In addition to his industrial and property interests

he is also connected with financial circles as a director in the Somerset Bank. Although his business interests have been and are extensive, he is always the same genial, courteous gentleman, whose ways are those of refinement and whose word no man can question.

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### COLONEL JOHN W. FREE.

Colonel John W. Free, who was a practitioner of law but is now living retired in New Lexington, comes of a family honorable and distinguished. He was born in Stewartstown, York county, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1830. His paternal grandfather was a native of Hesse Cassel, Germany, and he and two brothers came from the fatherland to the new world to fight in the English army at the time of the Revolutionary war. They were present when Cornwallis surrendered the troops to General Washington at Yorktown. Having formed an attachment for the new world the grandfather of our subject determined to remain and located in Baltimore, Maryland, while one of the brothers took up his abode in North Carolina.

Dr. John Free, the father of our subject, was a physician and minister of the gospel, devoting his entire life to the work of alleviating human suffering and of promoting the cause of Christianity. He first labored for the temporal and spiritual wel-

fare of his fellow men in Pennsylvania, but afterward came to Ohio, settling in Mansfield, this state, in 1831. There he resided until 1841. In Pennsylvania he had previously married Miss Catherine Newman, a daughter of Jacob Newman, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, who afterward removed to the Buckeye state. He owned real estate in Mansfield, in fact was one of the founders of that town, taking a very active and helpful part in its development and progress. He served his country in the war of 1812, going as a guide with General Harrison. Becoming ill, he died of pneumonia while on the march. Years afterward, in 1840, when General Harrison was making a tour through the state as the presidential candidate, he called upon the daughter of his former guide, Mrs. John Free, when in Mansfield. Andrew, General Joseph, Jacob and Henry Newman were all uncles of our subject.

After his marriage, Dr. Free, the father of our subject, engaged in the practice of



medicine in Mansfield. Of broad humanitarian principles and deep human sympathy, he gave his services freely to the poor, accepting and desiring no compensation. His own Christian life, too, was an inspiration and a help to those whom he met. In 1841 he removed to McCutchinville, Wyandot county, where he engaged in practice for a time, but afterward located on a farm in that county, there spending his remaining days. His was a noble, upright and helpful life and the world is certainly better by his having lived. His memory still remains as a blessed benediction to those who knew him. He passed away in 1871, at the age of seventy-eight years, and his wife died in 1870, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years.

Colonel Free, whose name introduces this review, was one of a family of eight children: Susan is still living in New Lexington, at about the age of eighty years; Rosanna, also of New Lexington, is the widow of Prof. G. A. Sickles, formerly a member of the faculty of Heidelberg Seminary; Mrs. Catherine Hoffman is deceased; Anna B. is the wife of J. W. Cooley, of Wyandot county, Ohio; I. N., who was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, has for the past forty years spent the greater part of his time in traveling over the world; the Colonel is the sixth in order of birth; Henry N., the next younger, is now deceased; and Colonel William Henry Harrison Free, the eighth member of the family, died in New Lexington, July 18, 1876, at the age of forty years. He was engaged in merchandising in this place when the

Civil war was inaugurated and with patriotic spirit he raised a company for three months' service. He became its first lieutenant and on the expiration of the term he raised another command for three years' service and became its captain. This was known as Company D, Thirty-first Ohio Infantry. Colonel Free was wounded at Chickamauga while leading his men. He was afterward made a major in the Ninety-fifth Ohio and subsequently promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in that regiment. He then returned to New Lexington, having been elected to the state legislature by a majority of twelve hundred while he was lying in a hospital at Nashville because of his wounds. He served during the winter in the assembly and then again went to the front, continuing in the army until honorably discharged in December, 1865. He was a brave and efficient officer and in civil life was a man of sterling honor and worth, who enjoyed in a high degree the confidence and respect of his fellow men.

Colonel John W. Free, whose name introduces this review, pursued his education in the schools of Mansfield and in Wyandot county, displaying special aptitude in his studies. At the age of sixteen years he began teaching, as did all of his brothers and two sisters. In 1856 he came to New Lexington, where he turned his attention to merchandising, and in 1861 he, too, raised a company, gathering together sufficient men for the command in five days. Elected its captain, he went to the front in command of Company A, Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and in November, 1862, he was



promoted to the rank of major, continuing in that position until 1805, when he resigned owing to the fatal illness of his wife, who died on the 14th of April of that year, at the age of twenty-two years. He had married prior to his enlistment, the lady of his choice being Miss Catherine France, of Perry county. She left two children, Anna and Lulu, both of whom are now deceased. There is now a grandchild, A. F. Ott, who is living in Washington Court House, Ohio, and who served in the Spanish-American war, being chief bugler on the staff of General A. H. Wilson.

After the death of his first wife Colonel Free was again married, his second union being with Miss Martha A. Moore, a daughter of Andrew and Lois Moore, of Perry county. There is one child by this union, Kate A., the wife of John E. Davis, by whom she has one child, Major Free Davis, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Since the war Colonel Free has resided

at New Lexington. He studied law, being admitted to the bar, and continued in the practice of his profession until 1883. He has always declined public office, never seeking notoriety of that character. Since 1852 he has been a loyal and devoted member of the Masonic fraternity, and he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic. He is widely known in New Lexington, where he won an enviable reputation in early times as a merchant and later as a member of the bar. His military career is one most creditable, for meritorious conduct on the field of battle won him promotion. In matters of citizenship he is as true to-day to his country as when he followed the old flag upon the southern battlefields. As a man he possesses sterling traits of character which have gained him popularity and friendship and no one is more worthy of representation in this volume than Colonel Free.

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## JOSEPH ADAMS.

The story of the sufferings and the bravery of those who wore the blue and fought nobly for the preservation of the Union, now so great and prosperous as a direct result of their heroism and their devotion to principle and country,—this story cannot be told too often. It is especially well that those of the younger generation

should have impressed upon their minds that the bravery and happiness they enjoy freely was purchased for them at an awful price, and though none but an actual participant in the Civil war can give the true picture in its entirety, a faint idea may be gained in the perusal of the history of those who, as in the case of Joseph Adams, ex-



perienced the horrors of war in many of its worst phases. Mr. Adams, who died at his home in New Lexington, sacrificed his life on the altar of his country and he certainly deserves the credit for what he did toward suppressing the rebellion of the south, hazarding the authority of the government at Washington.

Mr. Adams was a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Washington county, that state, on the 22d of August, 1828. When he was four years of age he was brought to Perry county, Ohio, in 1832, by his parents, Robert and Margaret (McClellan) Adams, who located in Clayton township, the father purchasing a farm, on which they spent their remaining days. His death occurred September 11, 1886, when he was eighty-four years of age, and his wife passed away on the 12th of July, 1890, at the age of eighty-seven years and seven months. Both were natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and the family is of Irish lineage. Joseph Adams, the grandfather of our subject, together with his father, came from the Emerald Isle to the new world. The maternal grandfather of our subject was James McClellan, who also came from Ireland. Unto Robert and Margaret (McClellan) Adams were born seven sons: Joseph, of this review; John, who served in the Civil war and is now deceased; Samuel, who for three years was a Union soldier and became a corporal and is now living in Brown, Kansas; Calvin, who was killed in battle, being with his brothers in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry;

James, who served in the commissary department during the Civil war and is now living in Cook county, Iowa; Margaret, the deceased wife of J. A. Grant, of Salt Lake township, Perry county; and William, who died many years ago.

Joseph Adams, of this review, was reared upon the old home farm and throughout the period of his active business career carried on agricultural pursuits. When the country became involved in civil war he was more than forty years of age and thus exempt from military service. However, he enlisted in 1864 as a member of the One Hundred and Sixtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving as a member of Company F during the term of his enlistment. His health became so badly impaired during his service that for eighteen years prior to his death he was unable to engage in active work. After his return from the war he again took up his abode on the old homestead and for a time carried on agricultural pursuits, meeting with good success as the result of his labors, but as the years passed he suffered more and more as the result of the hardships of his army life and for almost two decades he had to put aside business cares entirely.

Mr. Adams was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Colborn, a daughter of Robert and Rebecca (Hazleton) Colborn, whose father removed from Somerset county, Pennsylvania, to Pike township, Perry county, Ohio, and spent the last years of his life here, dying in 1893, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. His wife was a daughter of Samuel and Nancy (McKin-





ney) Hazleton, and her father was a pioneer settler of Perry county, coming west with his brothers, John, Henry and William Hazleton.

The marriage of our subject and his wife was blessed with seven children: Robert C., who died at the age of four years; Margaret L., who is the wife of Albert Flowers, of Clinton county, Iowa; Lulie, now the wife of William Collins, of Warren county, Ohio; Susan M., at home;

Mary Josephine, the wife of John S. Safell, of Pike township, Perry county; James Arthur, now deceased; and Charles Earl, who is living in New Lexington. For more than forty years, Mr. Adams, the father of this family, was a loyal and exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity, and he also belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a man of most excellent traits of character and enjoyed the warm regard and confidence of all who knew him.

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### GENERAL THOMAS EWING, A. M., LL. D.

General Ewing was born August 7, 1829, in Lancaster, Ohio, and was a son of Senator Thomas Ewing, the famous lawyer and statesman, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. His mother, through whom he was related to James Gillespie Blaine, was Maria Wills Boyle, a granddaughter of Neal Gillespie, who emigrated from County Donegal, Ireland, and became a man of eminence in western Pennsylvania in the latter part of the last century. His mother's father, Hugh Boyle, also a native of Donegal, took active part in a political conspiracy and, in 1791, was forced to flee to America, where for forty years he was clerk of the supreme court of Ohio for Fairfield county.

At nineteen Mr. Ewing was a private

secretary to President Taylor. In 1852 he entered Brown University, where he was popular with faculty and students. Those who knew him then recall his splendid physique; his intellectual, transparent countenance; his genial temper; his strong anti-slavery feeling, and his hatred of injustice in every form. The warm admiration which the president, the illustrious Dr. Wayland, showed for him was one of the pleasant recollections of his life. From Brown University he went to Cincinnati and entered the law office of the Honorable Henry Stanbery, and the Cincinnati Law School. In 1855 he began practice in Cincinnati. Soon after he was employed by John W. Andrews, a prominent lawyer of Columbus, to assist in defending three actions at law in the United



States Circuit Court, for infringement of "Parker's Patent Reaction and Percussion Water Wheel." Success in these led to his being retained to defend over fifty other cases brought on the same patent.

On January 18, 1856, Mr. Ewing was married to Miss Ellen Ewing Cox, daughter of the Rev. William Cox, of Piqua, Ohio, a minister of the Presbyterian Church distinguished for zeal and eloquence. To them were born five children, who are still living, namely: William Cox, who is engaged in artistic photography in Washington, D. C.; Maria, who is the wife of Edwin S. Martin, of New Straitsville, Ohio, Thomas and Hampton Denman, who are practicing law in New York city, and Mary Beall, who lives with her mother in Yonkers, New York.

Though Mr. Ewing was reared a Catholic, he did not accept the doctrine of infallibility. By mental constitution he was unable to limit Christianity to any denomination, but he believed in Jesus Christ as his divine Master and Savior.

Early in 1857 he removed with his family to Leavenworth, Kansas, where he formed a partnership with his brother, Hugh Boyle Ewing, for the practice of law. Later the firm included William Tecumseh Sherman, who was married to his elder sister, Ellen Boyle Ewing, and Daniel McCook. In the Civil war, three members of the firm attained the rank of brigadier general, and the fourth became the great hero of Atlanta and the march to the sea. During the famous

struggle which resulted in the admission of Kansas as a free state, Mr. Ewing rendered a service to freedom of much historic interest.

When in January, 1861, Kansas was admitted under a free constitution, Mr. Ewing, then but thirty-one years of age, was elected chief justice of the supreme court. He served less than two years, but established a high reputation as a jurist. With him "the law stood for justice and the judge for righteousness." In September, 1862, he resigned the chief-justiceship to enter the Union army and recruited the Eleventh Regiment, Kansas Volunteer Infantry, of which he was elected a colonel. For gallant conduct at Prairie Grove, one of the fiercest battles of the war, he was commissioned a brigadier general on March 13, 1863, by special order of President Lincoln. He was assigned to the "District of the Border" comprising the state of Kansas and the western portion of Missouri—a "honey's nest of a district," as he called it. This command, for which his acquaintance and influence especially fitted him, he held from June, 1863, to February, 1864. While in command of this district, on August 25, 1863, he issued an order known as "Order No. 11," directing the depopulation of large portions of four border counties of western Missouri. By the order the loyal inhabitants were required to remove to the military posts, the disloyal to remove out of the counties. It was a severe measure, but the only way of surmounting



the difficulties to be overcome. These counties, after having suffered much from Kansas Redlegs under Jennison and other predatory leaders, whom General Ewing suppressed with a strong hand, had become the base of operations of about a thousand Missouri guerrillas, under Quantrill, who incessantly raided southern Kansas. Speaking of the issuance of the order, General Ewing, at a reception tendered him in Kansas City in 1890, said:

"I remember when I came here, that on my trip to Independence along a road by which I had once seen beautiful farm houses so thickly located as to make it almost seem a great long street, I saw, with but one exception, only the monuments which Jennison left, blackened chimneys. But one house between Kansas City and Independence was inhabited. About that time I went to Nevada, which I had remembered as a pretty town. Arriving there, I did not find a human being in the place. It was entirely deserted—not even a cat, dog or domestic animal of any kind could be seen, save some cows that had taken up their abode in the court house, which had been left in ruins, the records being trampled beneath the hoofs of the cows.

"Every expedition I sent out to overtake the guerrillas failed to achieve the object sought. We could not overtake them. On every side of us were living people who not only befriended and sympathized with the guerrillas, but furnished them with advantageous information as to the move-

ments of the army or any detachment. After they had committed many depredations and then penetrated to Lawrence, where they murdered nearly 200 people in cold blood and burned the city, I knew some decisive measure had to be adopted. The Kansas people were aroused, and it seems providential interference that stayed them from going into Missouri and at least murdering those people they knew kept the guerrillas posted. I believe as to General Schofield and I know as to myself, that Order No. 11 was issued out of a spirit of mercy to the people whose homes were in the border counties. It was a deliberate order and my judgment has never faltered an instant. But I confess I have suffered a great deal from the weak and partisan construction put upon it. When it was issued and before it went into effect, Montgomery Blair made an appeal to President Lincoln to have it revoked. In turn President Lincoln called upon General Schofield for an explanation—and the order went into effect. It was to me the only means of restoring peace. Those people were told that they must move and they did so without any show of military interference, and I am sure were no more inconvenienced than any of you would be to-day who had to change your place of abode. All you people, who were with me, know the truth of these statements. I remember that my own father remonstrated with me about that order and I know his heart was right, but he didn't know. I have been pelted by the Democratic party on this ac-



count; and the charge that I was cruel to my fellow beings while in a position to command is galling. Yet if I had it all to do over again I would do it in the same way."

After General Ewing had thus removed the spies and purveyors from "the hills of the robbers," Quantrill, unable to continue the vendetta, led the guerillas south. Under General Ewing's firm administration re-settlement of the country soon began, and the border war, which had raged for eight years, was ended forever. General Ewing conducted one campaign where he displayed military ability sufficient, had the operations been larger to give him rank as a great commander. General Ewing was made a brevet major-general for meritorious conduct at Pilot Knob. He resigned on February 23, 1865, at the close of the war in the West.

In the spring of 1865 he removed to the city of Washington, where he enjoyed for six years a large and lucrative practice. He was at different times in partnership with his father, Senator O. H. Browning, and his brother, General Charles Ewing. He was the general attorney for the Central Pacific Railroad Company. He defended Arnold, Spangler and Dr. Mudd when on trial with Mrs. Surratt and four others before a military commission charged with conspiracy to assassinate President Lincoln. In the words of a writer of authority, he "became the leading spirit of the defense \* \*

\* and wrought the miracle of plucking from the deadly clutches of the judge-advo-

cates the lives of every one of the men he defended."

During this period he opposed the reconstruction policy of the Republican party. His objections were that it would proscrib the whites of the South and make the negroes the rulers; that their government would have to be propped by bayonets and must fall when the support was withdrawn; that it would prove a vast burden on the North and destructive to the South, and as wholly unconstitutional. He addressed the soldiers' convention which met at Cleveland, Ohio, in September, 1866. Of this address James G. Blaine says, in his *Twenty Years of Congress*: "The only noteworthy speech in the convention was delivered by General Thomas Ewing. \* \* \* \* He and Mr. Browning were law partners at the time of Mr. Johnson's accession, and both now resolved to oppose the Republican party. General Ewing's loss was regretted by a large number of friends. He had inherited talent and capacity of a high order, was rapidly rising in his profession, and seemed destined to an inviting political career in the party to which he had belonged from its first organization. In supporting the policy of President Johnson he made a large sacrifice,—large enough certainly to free his action from the slightest suspicion of any other motive than conviction of duty." President Johnson offered Mr. Ewing the positions of secretary of war and attorney-general; but he declined both offices.





In 1870 he removed to Lancaster, with ample means acquired in his profession, and embarked in the work of developing the Hocking valley. He was largely instrumental in the construction of the Ohio Central Railway. But the panic of 1873 robbed him of all pecuniary return from his efforts, and cast upon him a vast indebtedness, which he could easily have avoided, but which he struggled to pay during the remaining quarter century of his life. He was a member of the constitutional convention of Ohio in 1873-4, where his legal attainments and admirable powers of debate gave him a leading place. But the proposed constitution failed of adoption by the people. In the financial discussions following the war to the resumption of specie payments in 1879, General Ewing was pronounced in his opposition to the various statutes devised to enhance the value of the currency and effect the payment of government bonds in gold. He opposed the law of 1869 which declared that bonds, the principal of which was originally made payable in greenbacks, should be paid in coin. In 1871 he attacked the refunding operations of the government, and the policy of currency contraction, from which he anticipated commercial disaster, an anticipation fulfilled in the panic of 1873. In January, 1875, the act was passed by congress providing for the resumption of specie payments. He aroused the Democratic party against the resumption policy, and for the next four years was the most conspicuous figure in the Greenback movement. In 1875

William Allen was elected governor of Ohio upon a platform written by General Ewing which squarely opposed resumption. In 1876 Allen G. Thurman sought the Democratic nomination for the presidency. Though less pronounced in opposition to resumption than was Governor Allen, Senator Thurman was General Ewing's preference for the nomination, but upon condition that the declaration of financial policy adopted in 1875 should not be modified. When the state convention met in Cincinnati the followers of Senator Thurman, led by the Hon. Frank Hurd, controlled its organization and introduced resolutions which in effect declared for the abandonment of opposition to the resumption policy. Minority resolutions reaffirming the platform of 1875 were reported by Governor William D. Morgan. At a moment when defeat seemed certain General Ewing mounted the stand. "I rise," said he, "not to speak for a man, but for the cause." By a powerful and impassioned speech he carried the Morgan resolutions. He himself presented the name of William Allen, at St. Louis, as the nominee of the Ohio Democracy. General Ewing represented the Lancaster district in congress from 1877 to 1881, where he advocated the remonetization of silver, and became the leader in the successful fight to amend the resumption scheme so as to provide that the greenbacks should be reissued instead of being destroyed when once presented for redemption. But for this amendment the currency, already reduced in volume, would



have been greatly contracted, to the immeasurable distress of the industrial classes. And resumption would have been impossible, as Secretary Sherman admitted in his interview with the committee on finance, March 19, 1878, when the question was put to him by Senator Allison: "In other words, you think we cannot come to and maintain specie payments without the power to re-issue?" To which Secretary Sherman answered: "I do not think we can." On the money question General Ewing was unwarrantably charged with advocating inflation. His position was, in fact, the conservative position. He sought to preserve the greenbacks and to avert the fall in prices which forced resumption produced. He proposed to retire the national bank currency and fix by constitutional amendment the volume of the greenback currency and its enlargement in proportion to the annual percentage of increase in the population. In congress he was also largely instrumental in stopping the employment of Federal troops and supervisors at elections conducted under state laws. Respecting the tariff he was a moderate protectionist. During his last year in congress a bill was reported unanimously from the committee on postal service which proposed very large reduction in the appropriation for the service in the far west. Any one familiar with the conduct of business in congress knows how all but certainly the unanimous report of a committee controls. General Ewing knew that the people affected would

suffer by the proposed changes, and after a vigorous debate he carried an amendment continuing the usual appropriations. In closing his speech he referred to the famous pony-express established by Ben Holliday before the war, between St. Joseph, Missouri, and San Francisco, and in one of his happiest expressions likened it to a "spider's thread swung across the desert." In 1879 General Ewing was the Democratic candidate for governor of Ohio, but was defeated after a brilliant campaign which attracted the attention of the nation, it being recognized that success would place him in the front rank of presidential possibilities. Intensely democratic, he aimed to serve the whole people, and had the courage of his convictions; and the Democracy of Ohio honored him with a devotion such as has been enjoyed by few men. In 1881 he retired from congress and from politics.

Removing to Yonkers, New York, in 1882, he practiced law in New York city. He was for many years in partnership with the Hon. Milton I. Southard, formerly of Ohio, who had represented the Zanesville district in congress. In 1893 he organized the firm of Ewing, Whitman & Ewing, in order to join with him his sons, Thomas and Hampton Denman Ewing. In 1895 he was attorney to the department of buildings of New York city. He delivered addresses on numerous public occasions, which he prepared with great care. In an address before the Law School of the University of the



City of New York, he favored the abolition of the requirement of unanimity of the jury in civil cases, and the codification of the "private law." In closing he said:

"Gentleman, always recollect that you are American lawyers, and owe allegiance to the people. Be loyal to your sovereign in word and deed. The experiment of self-government has been concluded and is a world acknowledged success. \* \* \*

Exert your influence in perfecting the law, and in administering it expeditiously, economically and justly. Seek to make a lawsuit a terror to evil-doers only. Guard the liberty of the people and that equality which is the soul of free government. Punish abuse, oppression and corruption wherever and however they appear in the profession or in the courts. So that the people may forget the grievances of which poets and novelists have bitterly and mournfully written; and Oily Gammon, and Sampson Brass, and Jarndyce and poor little Miss Flite, may be remembered only as myths showing the griefs of the olden times; and so that American jurisprudence may illustrate Sir Matthew Hale's lofty and eloquent tribute to law: 'All things on earth do her reverence, the least as feeling her protection, the greatest as not exempt from her power. Her voice is the harmony of the world; her seat in the bosom of God.'"

General Ewing was a founder of the Ohio Society of New York in 1886, and its president until 1889. He loved the people of Ohio, and hoped to return to live in Lan-

caster, at or near which city lived, with their families, his brothers, General Hugh Boyle and Judge Philemon Beecher Ewing, his sister, Mrs. C. F. Steele, his eldest son, William Cox Ewing, and elder daughter, Mrs. Edwin S. Martin. General Ewing was struck down by a cable car in New York on January 20, 1896. He was taken to his apartment where he was living with his wife and younger daughter Beall. He died on the morning of January 21, without recovering consciousness. He was buried at Yonkers on the Friday following. His wife and all his children survive him. In his everyday life he was pure and unselfish. Though full of high ambition, he was hopeful and cheerful under adversity and disappointment. In manner he was dignified and simple; in conversation ready and interesting, full of humor and amiability. Always generous and approachable, he had hosts of friends. No one appealed to him in vain. "His hand gave help, his heart compassion." He was an affectionate son and brother, a loving father, a devoted husband. In noting his death the Cincinnati Enquirer said:

"Though General Thomas Ewing removed to New York about fifteen years ago, he resided still in the warm affections of the people of Ohio. His death will be mourned in every community in which he ever lived. Thomas Ewing was an ideal gentleman. Handsome in person, easy and gracious in manner, and lofty in his ideals, he made a deep impression on everybody he met. He was a gallant and effective soldier, an able



lawyer, a sincere statesman, and a politician who set a high moral example in the practice of politics. He was worthy to be the son of the eminent Thomas Ewing of old, whose name is inseparably woven in the history of

Ohio and the administration of national affairs."

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